

# SONIC

## THE COMIC

NEW  
SONIC  
STORY

- PLUS...
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  - ECCO & ZONE!
  - BADNIK PIN-UP!



# SONIC GROOM!

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FORTNIGHTLY



# CONTROL ZONE

## A FLUFFY FIRST - CHICKLES!

Meet Sonic's new feathery friend, Chickles in the nest eggdition of STC! The Freedom Fighters are put in a scramble when a strange alien egg lands in the Mushroom Omelette Zone! Chickles stuns Badniks with his power pecks and Doctor Robotnik gets up to his usual fowl deeds.



Hey, Boomers!

**APRIL FOOL!** I tried to stop them, but the humes-who-think-they're-in-charge thought they'd try and catch you out with the spoof front cover and character above. I know you weren't really fooled so let's just humour them!

This issue is also a cracking Easter eggstravaganza, so be warned, there's cheep yolks ahead. Don't believe me? Well, there's an eggcellent complete Sonic story, Smokey and the Badnik. Knuckles and Captain Plunder have an uneggspected surprise on board the Ghost Ship! The new Shining Force comes together in Part 3 of the eggceedingly good series, plus, it's out of the frying pan and into the fire for Tails in Fox on the Run.

There's also some of your eggceptional drawings, a happening Splats Badnik pin-up and an Eggo, I mean Ecco in The Tides of Time Q Zone Special.

I must eggsit now, but remember, keep reading STC! You know you can't beat it!

*Megadroid*

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SEGA

CHARTS  
COMPILED  
BY  
GALLUP



↑ up/down RE/NEW entry ● non mover

### MEGA DRIVE

- 1 ● FIFA SOCCER '96
- 2 ● SONIC AND KNUCKLES
- 3 ● PREMIER MANAGER
- 4 ● MICRO MACHINES '96
- 5 ● MICKEY MANIA
- 6 ● PGA TOUR GOLF '96
- 7 ↑ MICRO MACHINES 2
- 8 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME
- 9 ● BRIAN LARA CRICKET
- 10 ● PSYCHO PINBALL

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- 2 ● BC RACERS
- 3 ● SOULSTAR
- 4 ↑ WORLD CUP USA '94
- 5 ● FIFA INTERNATIONAL SOCCER
- 6 ↑ SEGA CLASSICS
- 7 ↓ LETHAL ENFORCERS
- 8 ↑ ETERNAL CHAMPIONS
- 9 NEW FINAL FIGHT
- 10 ↓ BRUTAL: PAWS OF FURY

### MASTER SYSTEM

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- 2 ● STREETS OF RAGE
- 3 RE ASTERIX AND THE SECRET MISSION
- 4 NEW TECMO WORLD CUP
- 5 ↓ ECCO THE DOLPHIN
- 6 ↓ JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD
- 7 NEW OTTIFANT
- 8 ↓ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 9 ● DESERT SPEED TRAP
- 10 RE THE LION KING

### GAME GEAR

- 1 ↑ SONIC THE HEDGEHOG 2
- 2 ● SONIC THE HEDGEHOG
- 3 ● SONIC DRIFT RACING
- 4 ↓ CJ'S ELEPHANT ANTICS
- 5 ● DRAGON: THE BRUCE LEE STORY
- 6 ↑ STAR TREK: GENERATIONS
- 7 ↑ TAZ-MANIA: ESCAPE FROM MARS
- 8 ● PRIMAL RAGE
- 9 RE JAMES POND 2 - ROBOCOD
- 10 ↓ ECCO 2: THE TIDES OF TIME



COMPLETE  
STORY

# SONIC

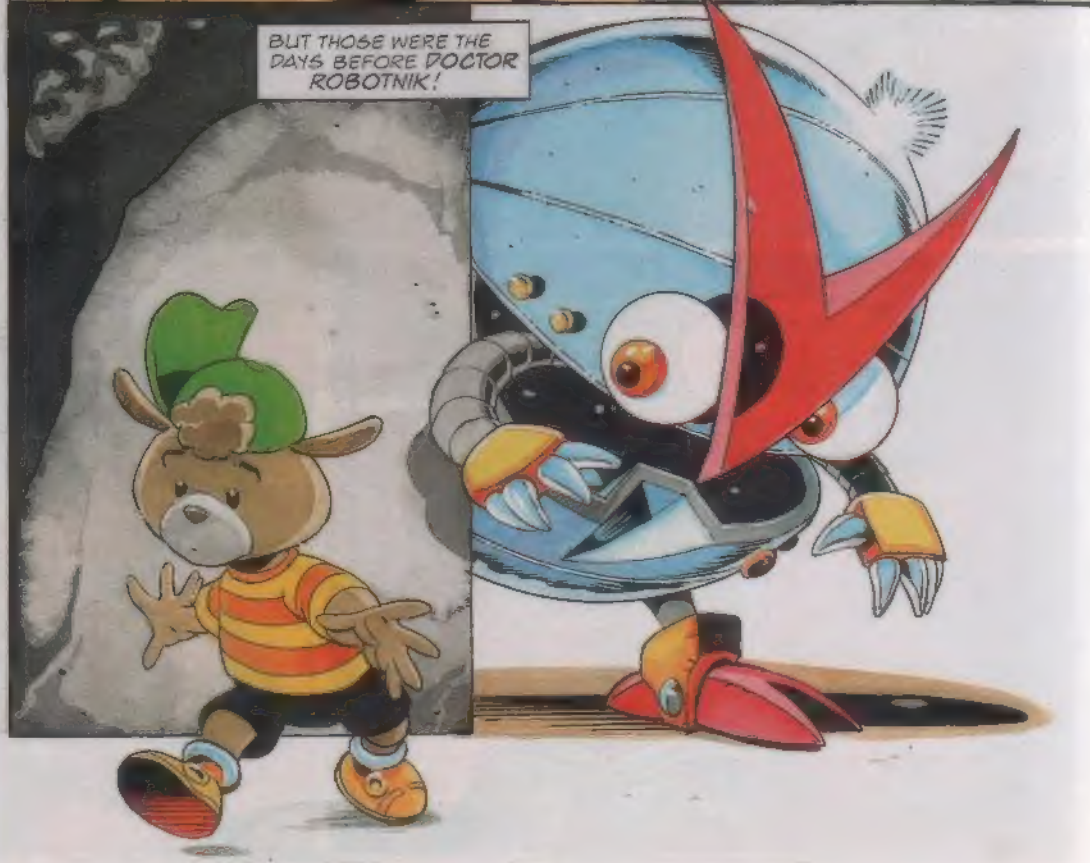
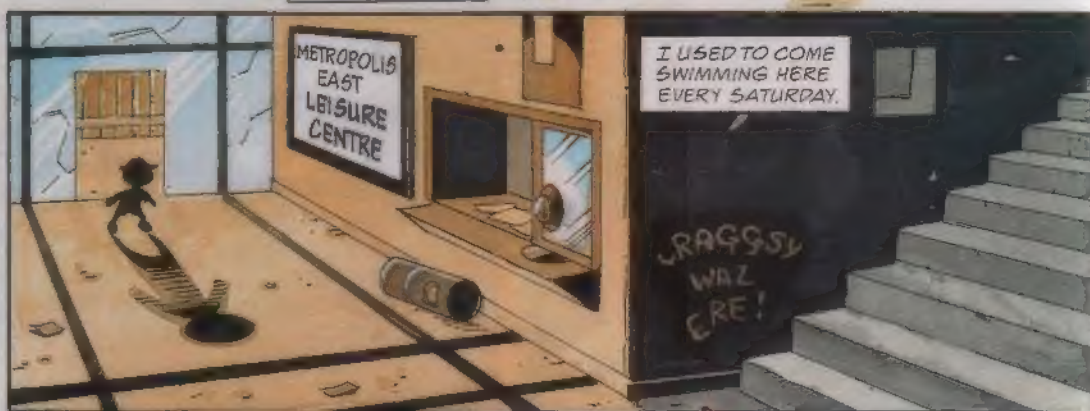
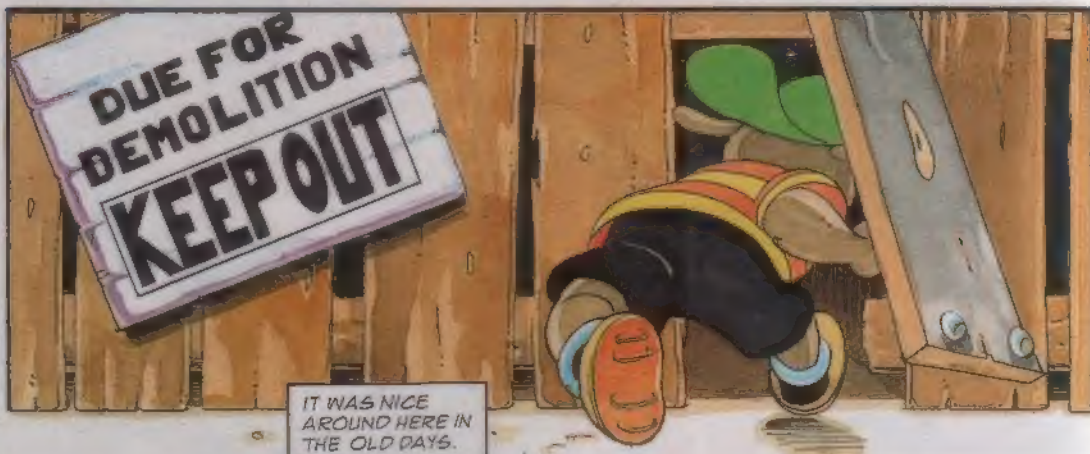
THE HEDGEHOG

## Smokey and the Badnik

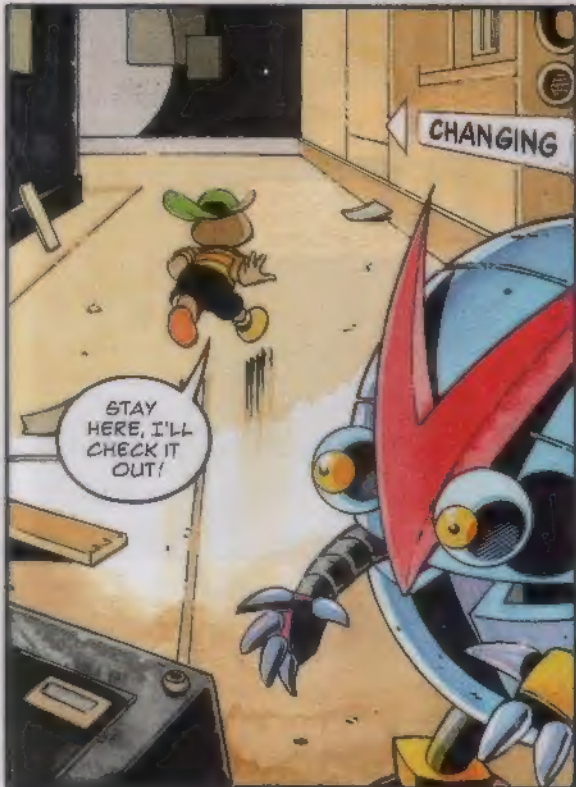
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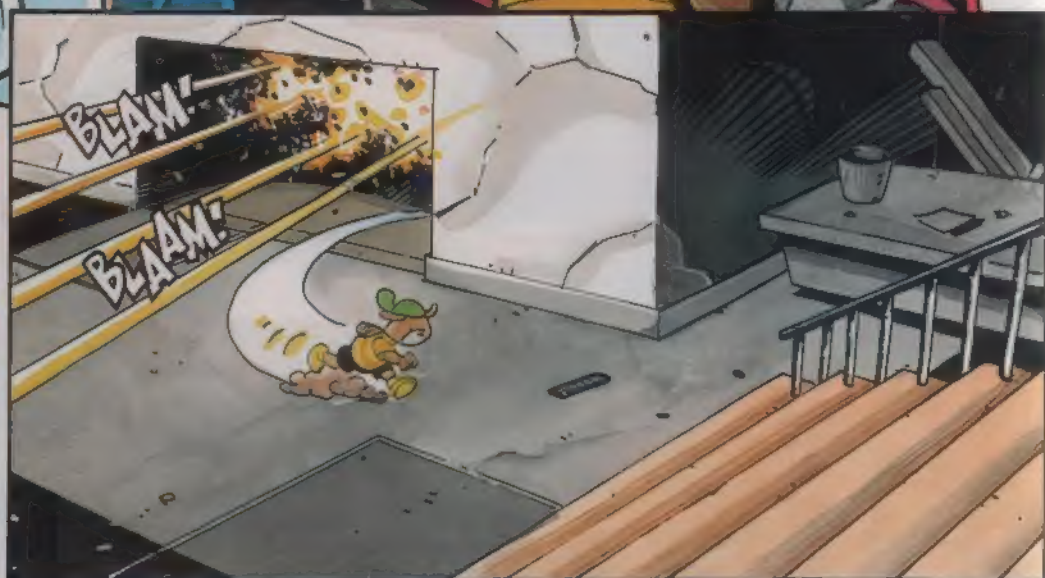
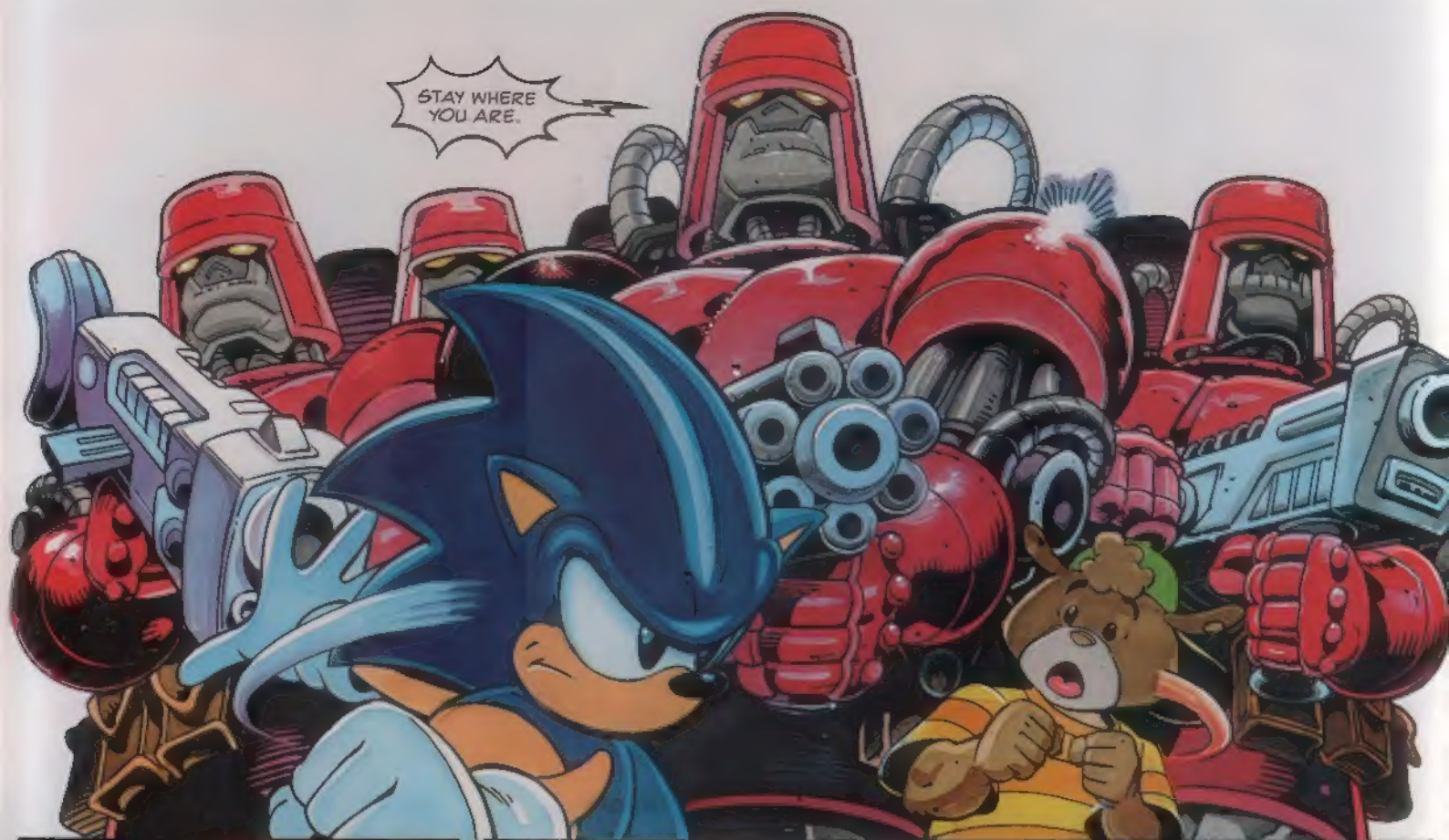
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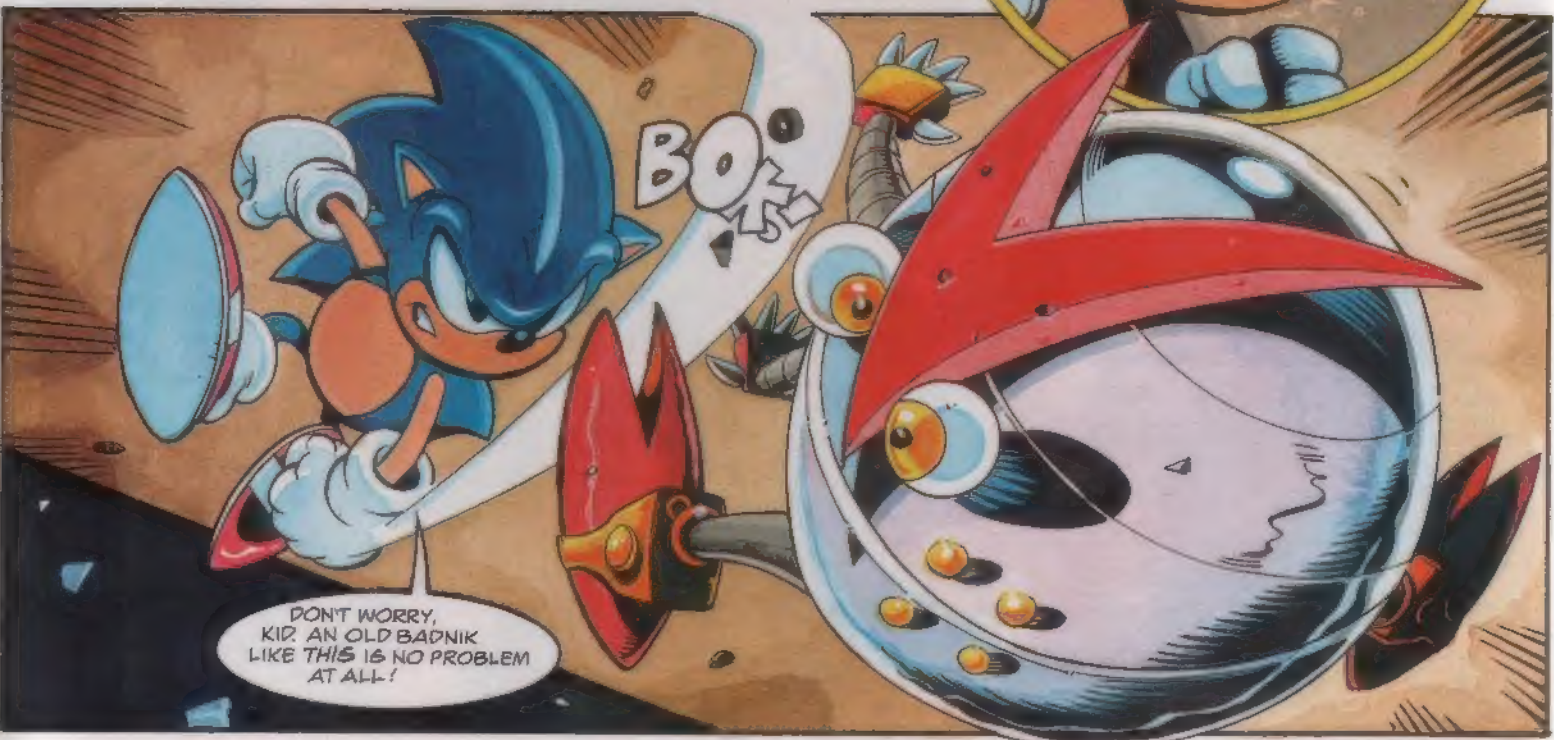




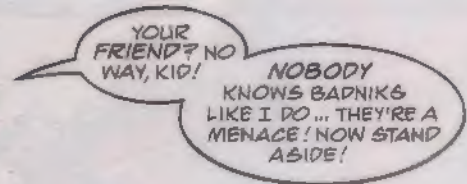
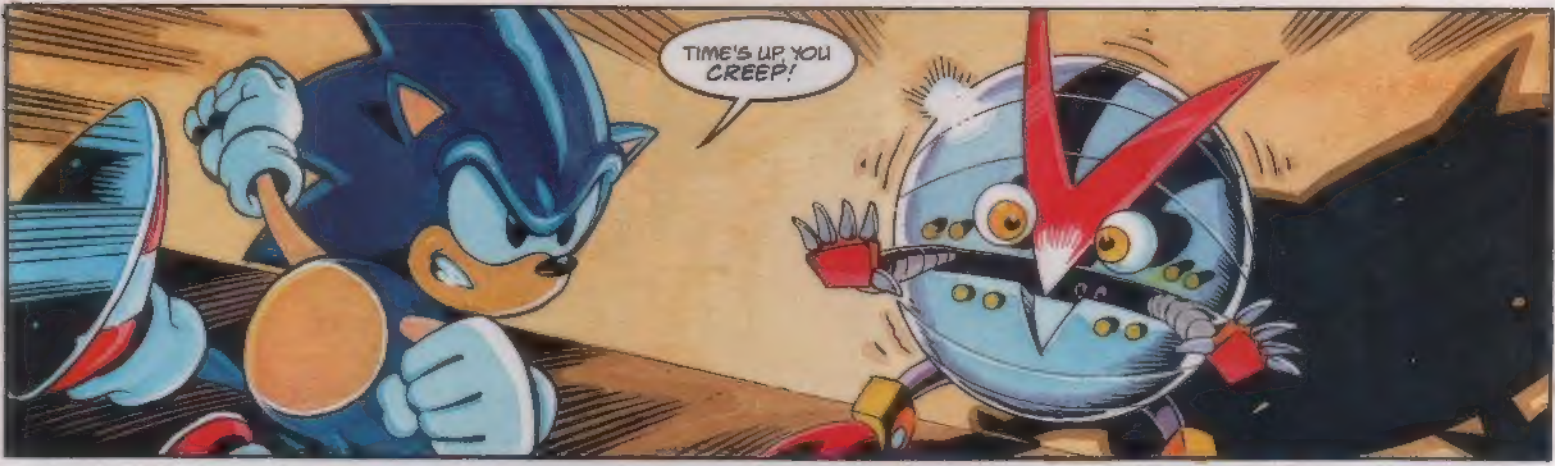














NEXT MORNING.

CITIZEN SMOKEY, WE NEED TO SPEAK WITH YOU!

OH.

WE'RE TRYING TO RECOVER A MISSING BADNIK. OUR SOURCES SUGGEST THAT YOU MAY HAVE INFORMATION...

YES, HE WAS MY BEST FRIEND...

BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT HIM ANY MORE... SONIC SMASHED HIM! HE SAID ALL BADNIKS HAD TO BE DESTROYED... NO EXCEPTIONS!

IT'S OKAY, YOU CAN COME OUT NOW!

SO, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TODAY?

I DON'T MIND

HEY, I NEVER KNEW YOU COULD TALK!

YOU NEVER ASKED!

NEXT ISSUE: THE BIG DECISION!

END



# GRAPHIC ZONE

SHOW US WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH IMAGINATION AND A SHEET OF PAPER.  
BOOMERS WHO GET THEIR ARTWORK PRINTED WILL RECEIVE A PACK OF CRAYOLA PENS.

I'm all ears!



Tracy Hawken,  
Thornbury, Bristol.  
MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

Who said chocolate  
rots teeth?

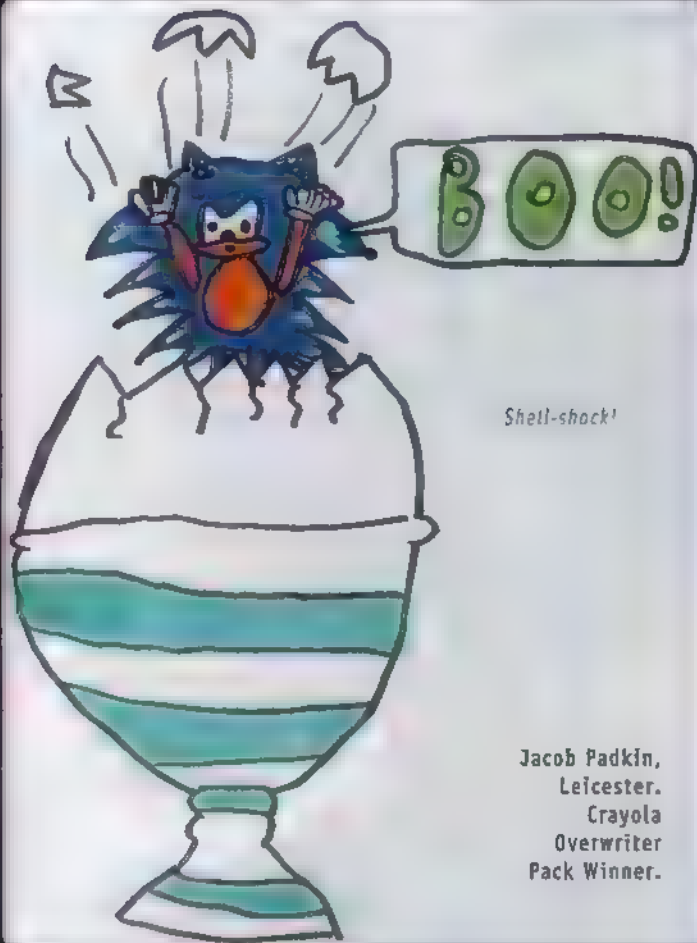


Robbie Gibbon,  
Luton, Beds.  
Crayola  
Overwriter  
Pack Winner.



Ryan Fish,  
Leicester.  
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Shell-shock!

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Overwriter  
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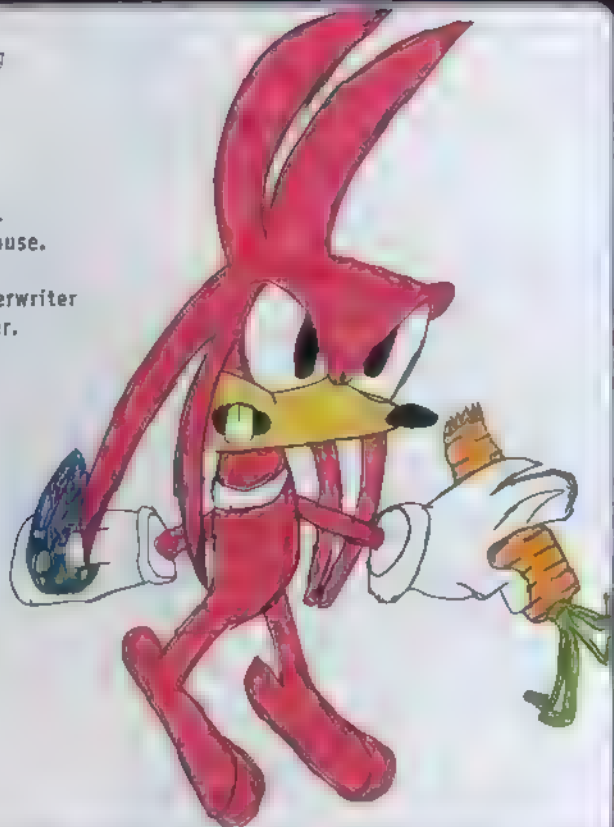
Robotnik with egg  
on his face!



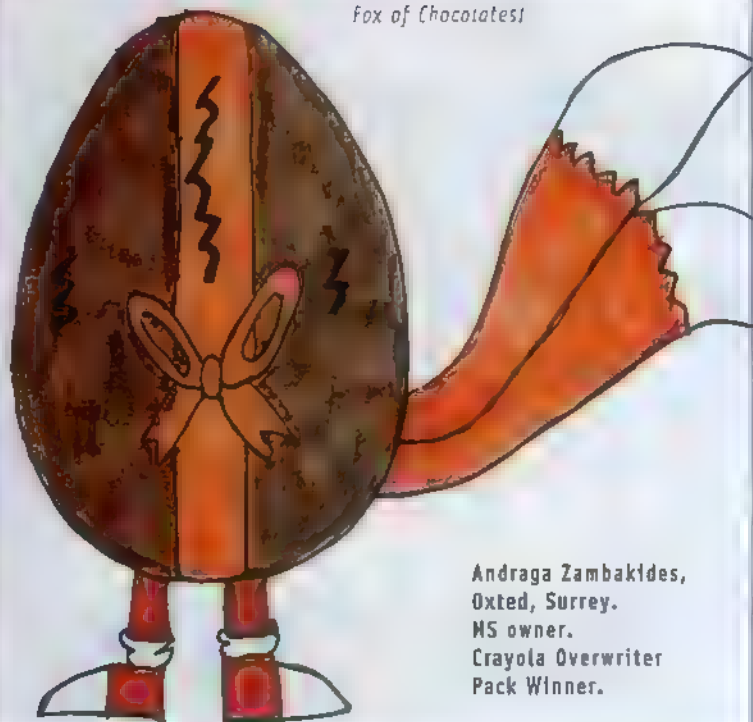
Simon Palmer, Middlesex. MD owner.  
Crayola Overwriter Pack Winner.

Hare raising  
Echidna?

Matthew  
Rutherford.  
Salmond House.  
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Pack Winner.



Fox of Chocolates!



Andragna Zambakides,  
Oxted, Surrey.  
MS owner.  
Crayola Overwriter  
Pack Winner.

To help get your handywork selected in future  
Graphic Zones, please take note of the following  
tips:

- Draw or paint or felt tip pen on plain white paper  
(avoid lined paper and pencils or crayons as they  
don't show up as well when printed).
- Be original and don't copy pictures from the

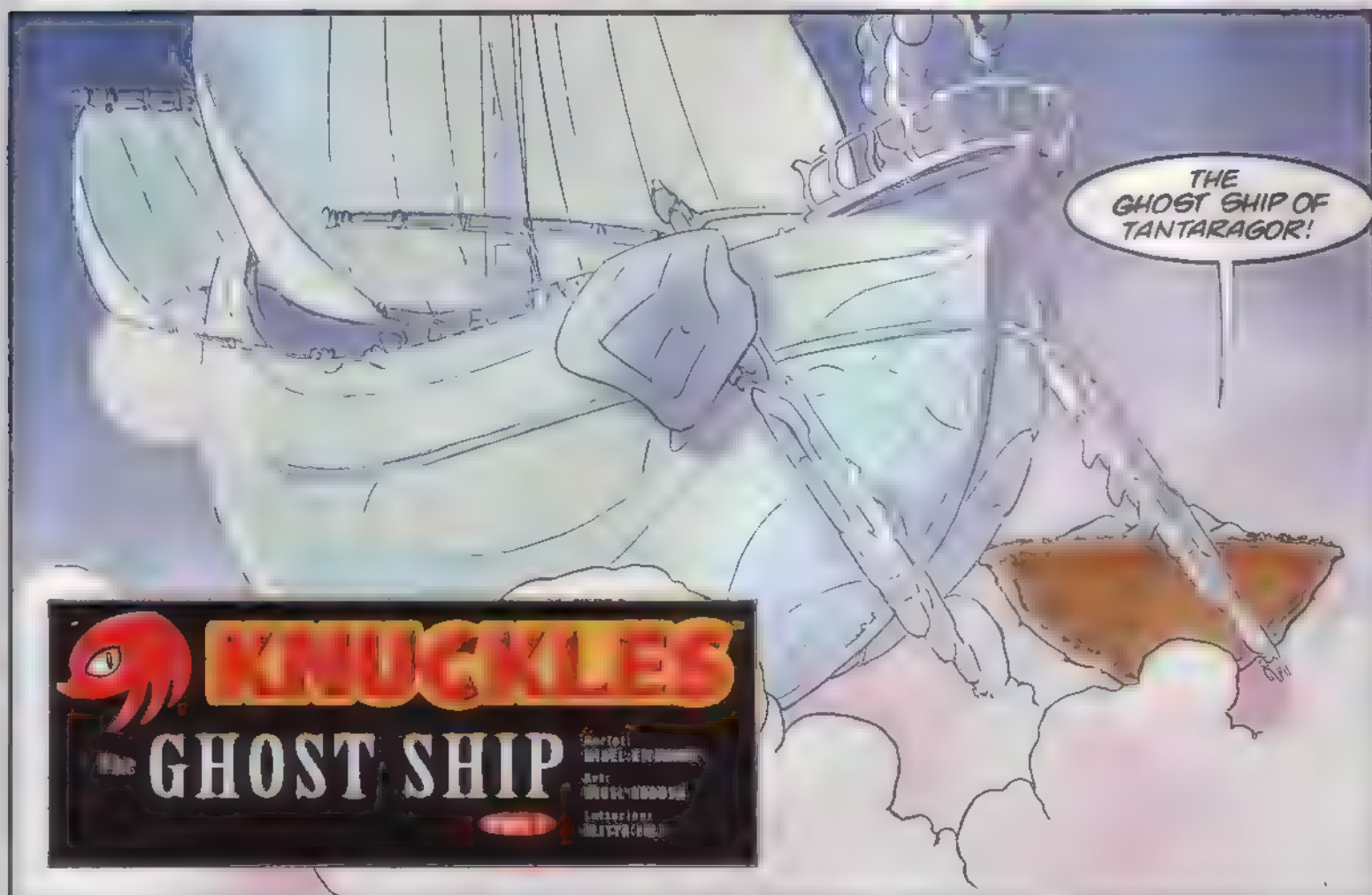
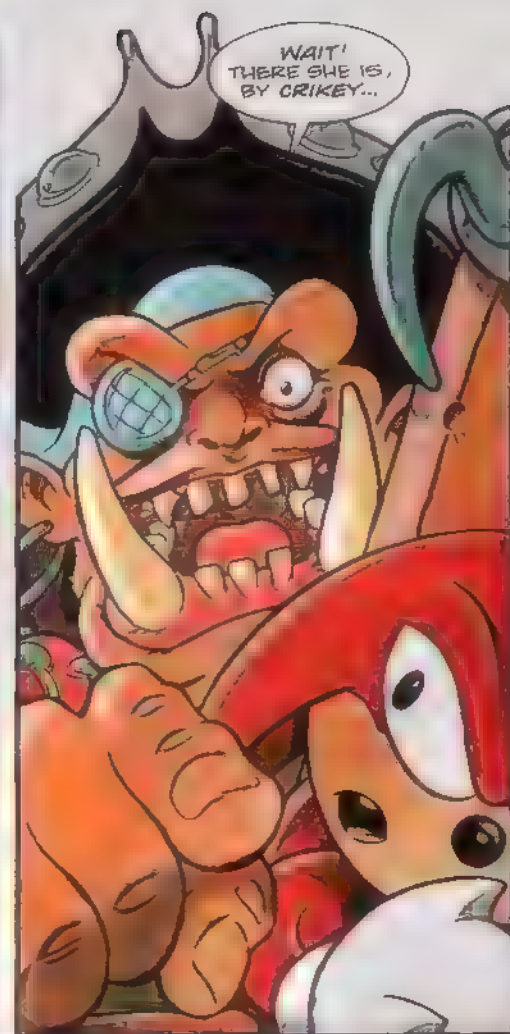
comic - come up with your own ideas.

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the page.

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**KNUCKLES**  
**GHOST SHIP**

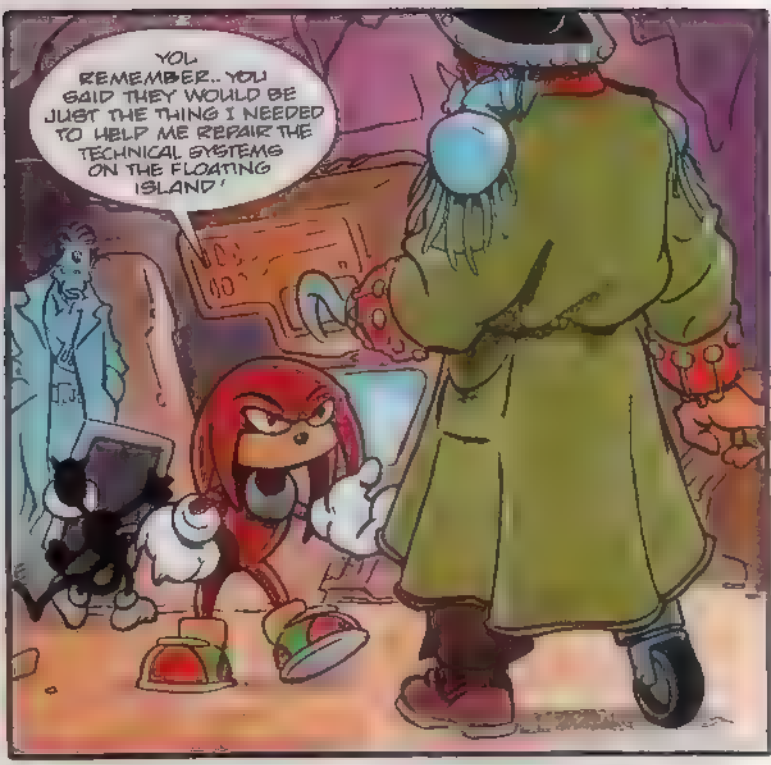
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OKAY, PLUNDER,  
WE'VE FOUND YOUR  
GHOST SHIP...

NOW  
IT'S TIME FOR YOU  
TO HAND OVER THOSE  
PLANS OF THE FLOATING  
ISLAND YOU SAY YOU  
HAVE!



YOU  
REMEMBER.. YOU  
SAID THEY WOULD BE  
JUST THE THING I NEEDED  
TO HELP ME REPAIR THE  
TECHNICAL SYSTEMS  
ON THE FLOATING  
ISLAND!



I DON'T HAVE  
'EM ON ME, LAD!

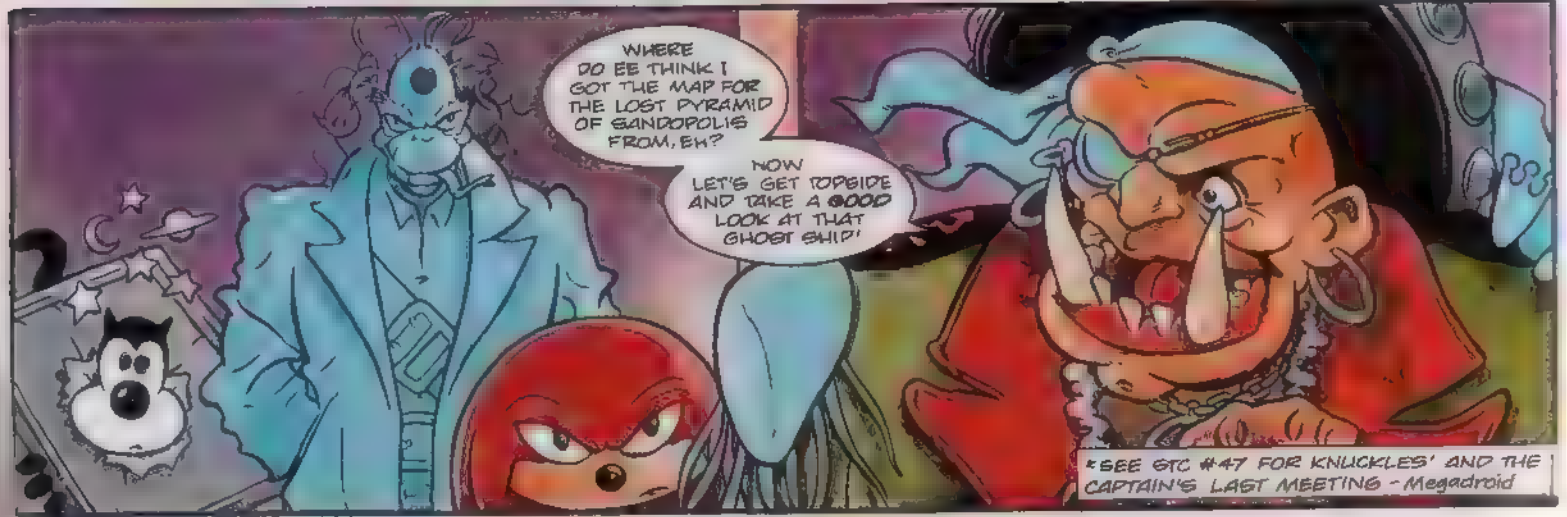
NO, I  
KEEP 'EM SAFE  
'IN' SOUND BACK IN  
ME PIRATE'S  
HIDEAWAY!

IF  
THIS IS A  
TRICK!



I PROMISE  
EE, LAD, IT'S THE  
TRUTH AS RIGHT  
AS I'M STANDING  
HERE!

I STOLE A  
TRUNK BRIM-FULL OF  
ANCIENT PARCHMENTS ABOUT  
THE FLOATING ISLAND FROM  
A SKY FREIGHTER  
YEARS AGO!



WHERE  
DO EE THINK I  
GOT THE MAP FOR  
THE LOST PYRAMID  
OF SANDOPOLIS  
FROM, EH?

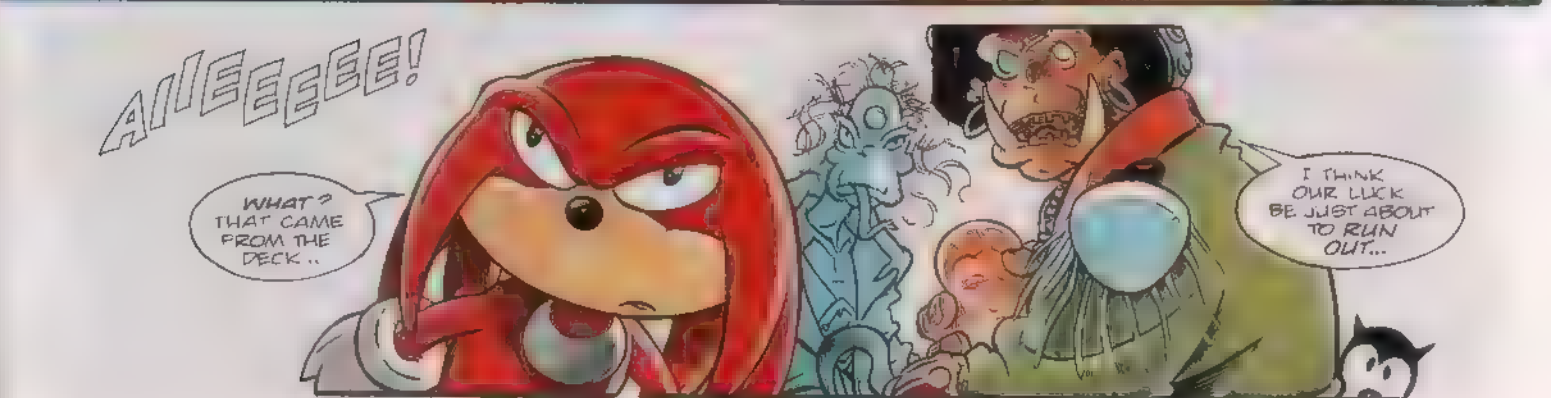
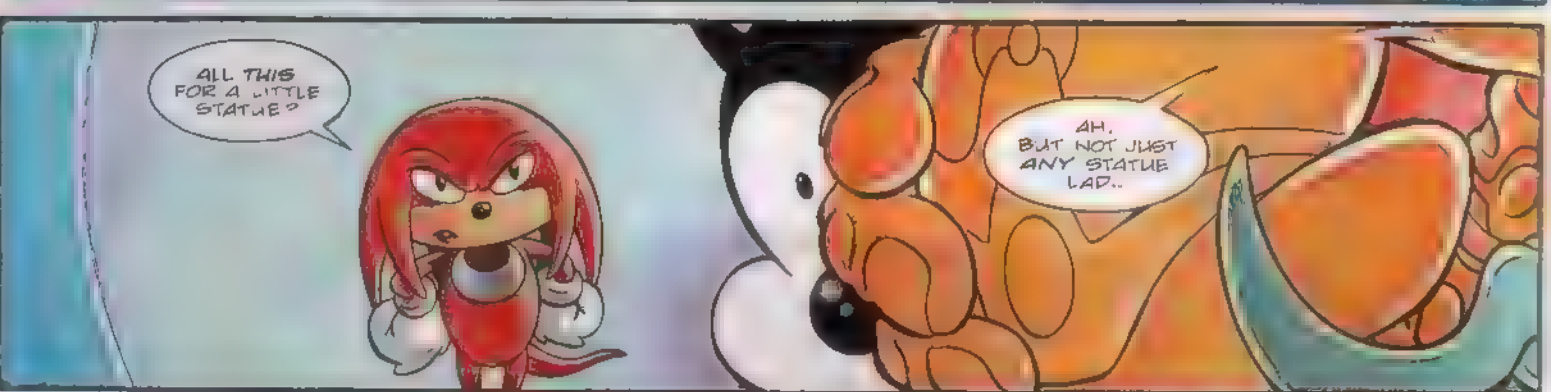
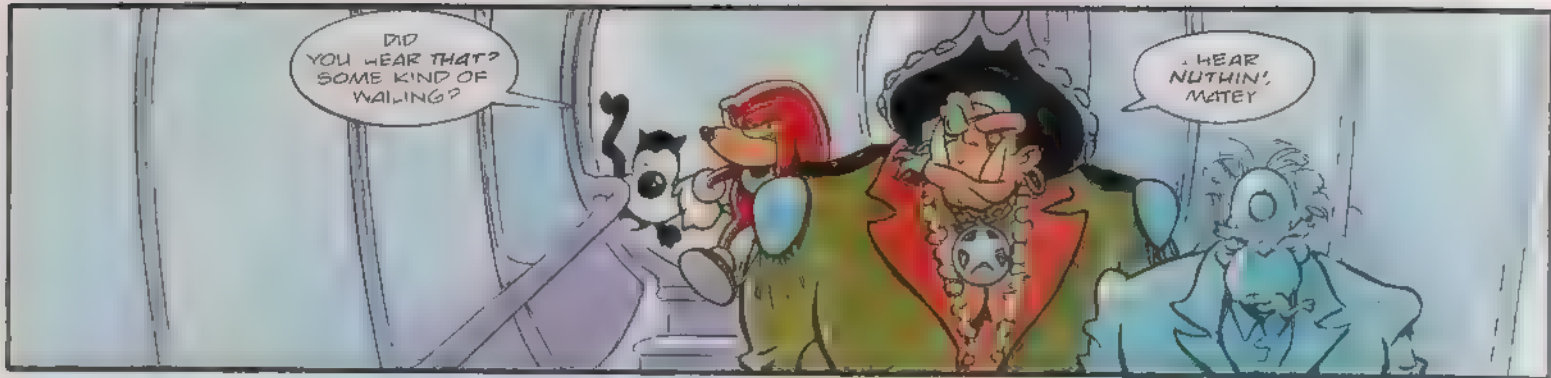
NOW  
LET'S GET TOPSIDE  
AND TAKE A GOOD  
LOOK AT THAT  
GHOST SHIP!

\*SEE ETC #47 FOR KNUCKLES' AND THE  
CAPTAIN'S LAST MEETING - Megadroid













NEXT ISSUE SLAVES!

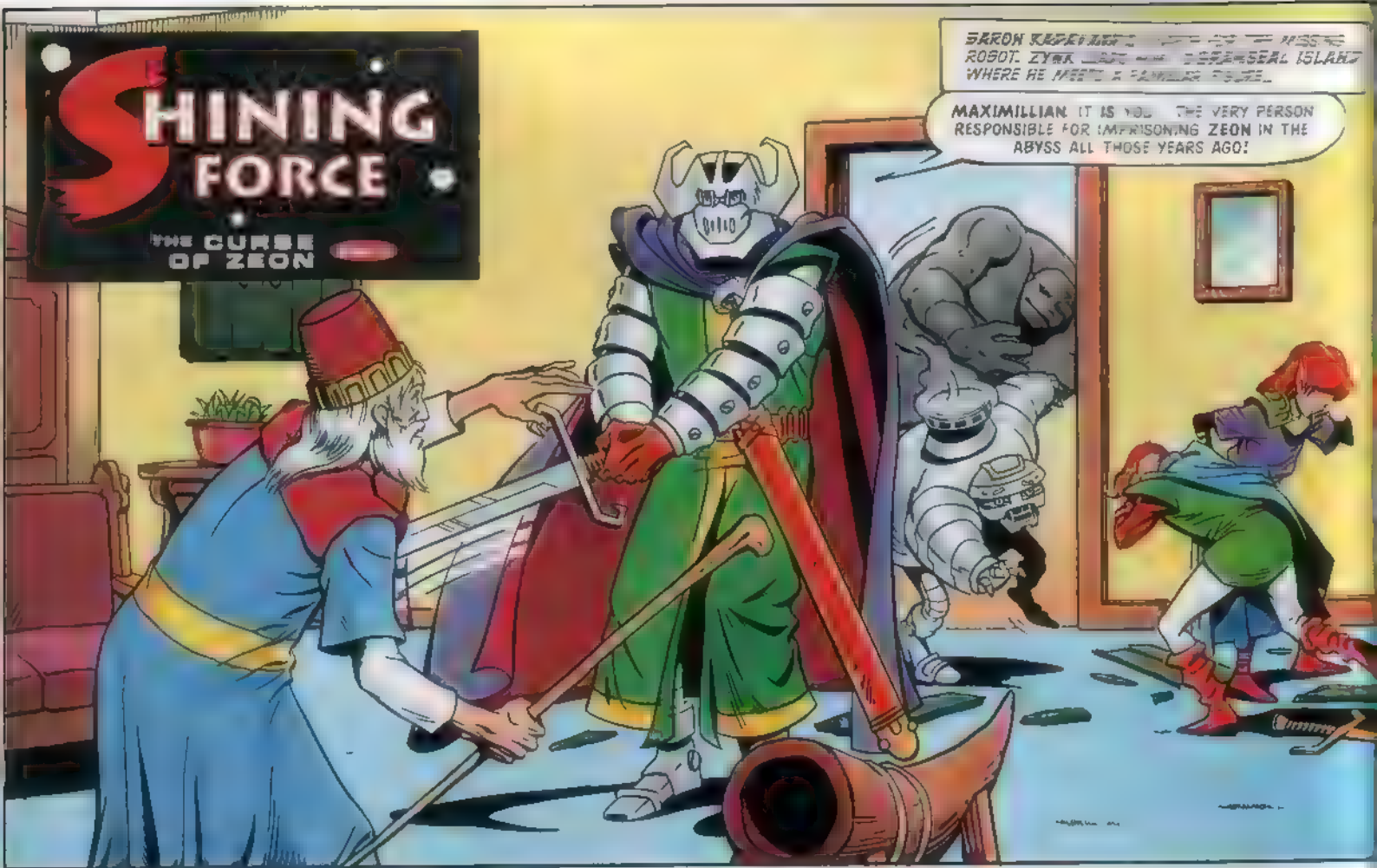


# SHINING FORCE

THE CURSE OF ZEON

SARON KAPPA... ROBOT. ZEON... DEFENSEAL ISLAND WHERE HE MEET A FANTASY POLICE.

MAXIMILLIAN IT IS YOU THE VERY PERSON RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPRISONING ZEON IN THE ABYSS ALL THOSE YEARS AGO!



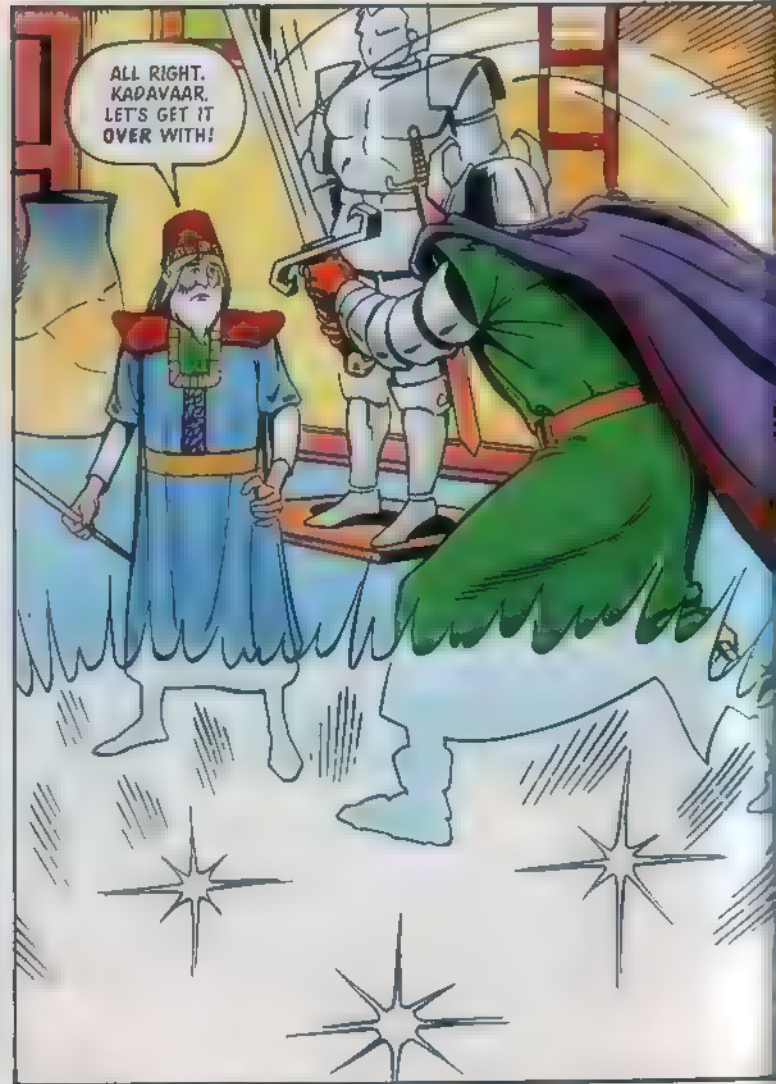
SO, KADAVAR, YOU SERVE MY OLD FOE, DO YOU?

WELL, BEFORE YOU KILL ME THERE'S JUST ONE THING I WANT TO DO

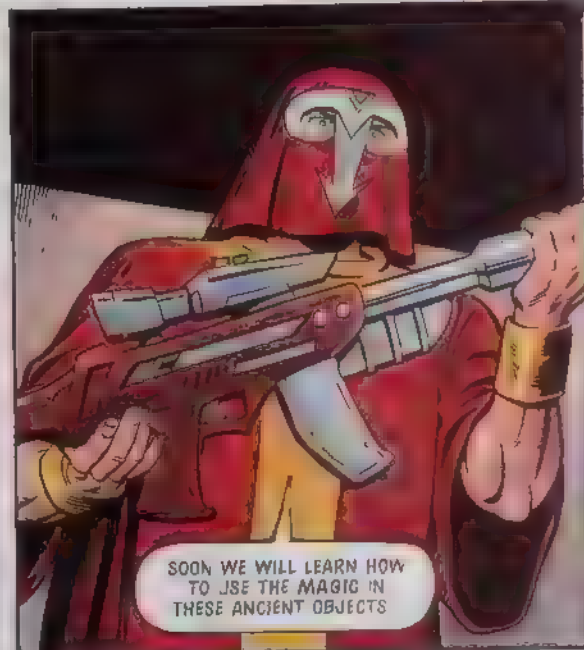
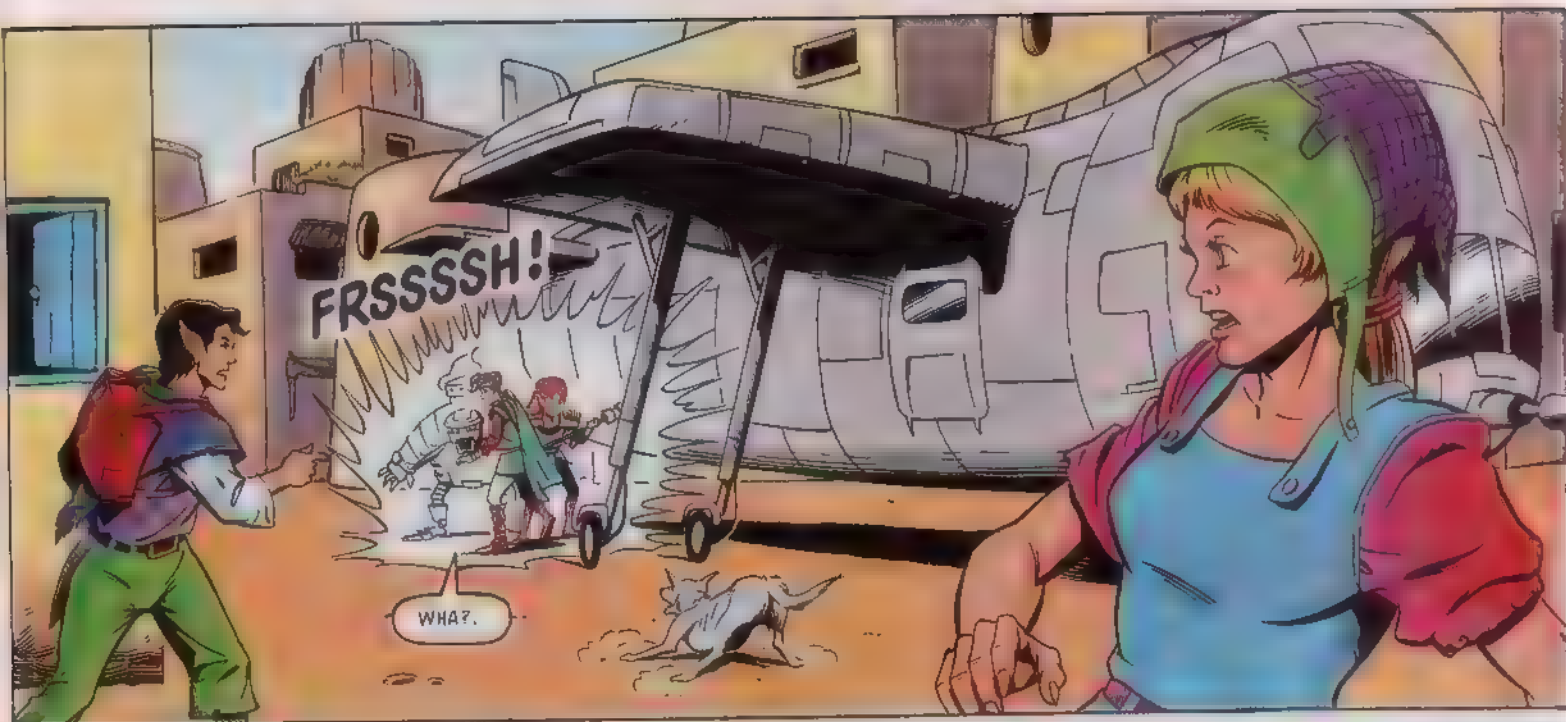
GRANDFATHER, WHAT ARE YOU?



ALL RIGHT, KADAVAR, LET'S GET IT OVER WITH!









BEFORE LONG ZEON WILL BE RELEASED  
FROM HIS IMPRISONMENT AND ON  
THAT DAY ALL THE WORLD WILL  
TREMBLE!

IT IS A SIX HOUR FLIGHT TO  
THE VILLAGE OF HASSAN

THERE IS NO ROOM TO LAND  
IN THE VILLAGE ITSELF. I  
WILL HAVE TO PUT DOWN  
ON THE OUTSKIRTS

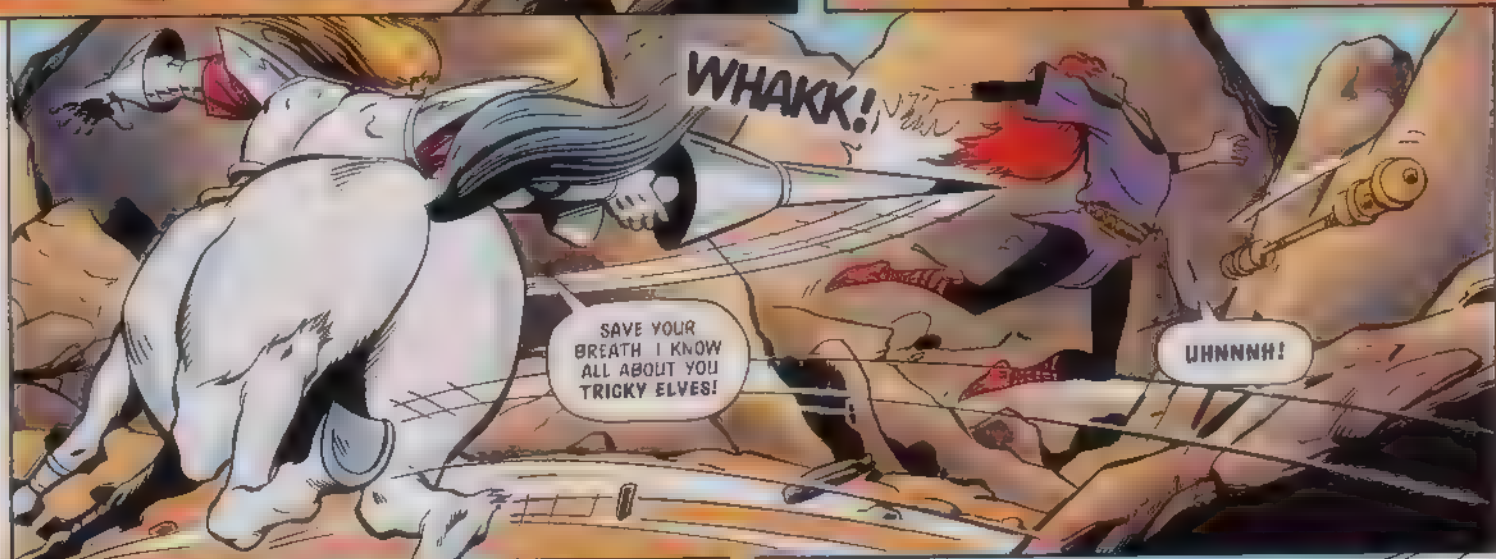
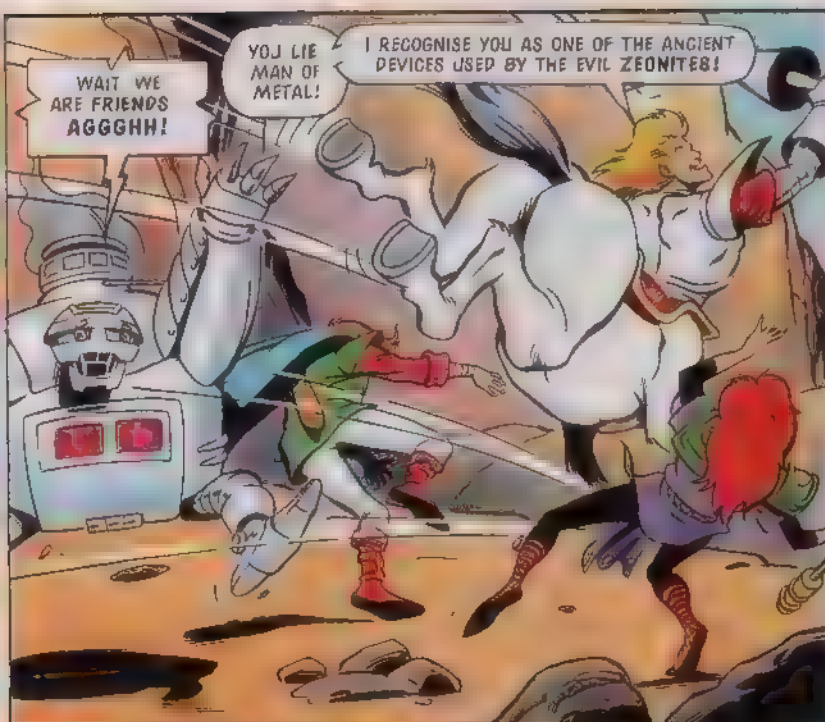
WHAT MAKES GRANDFATHER  
THINK WE'LL FIND HELP IN A  
DUMP LIKE HASSAN?

MAXIMILLIAN AND THE REST OF THE  
ORIGINAL SHINING FORCE VISITED  
THIS PLACE IN THE OLD DAYS

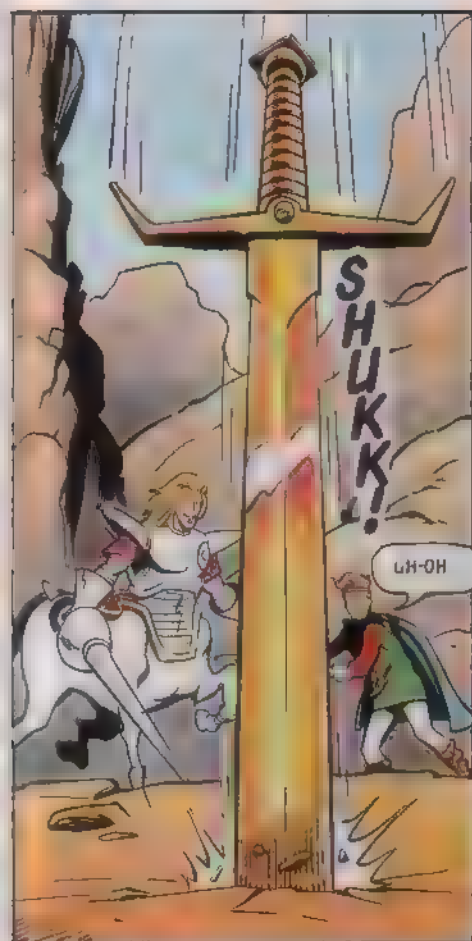
HASSAN IS THE HOME OF A  
MIGHTY WARRIOR RACE

STOP, VILLAINS  
YOU WILL GO NO  
FURTHER!



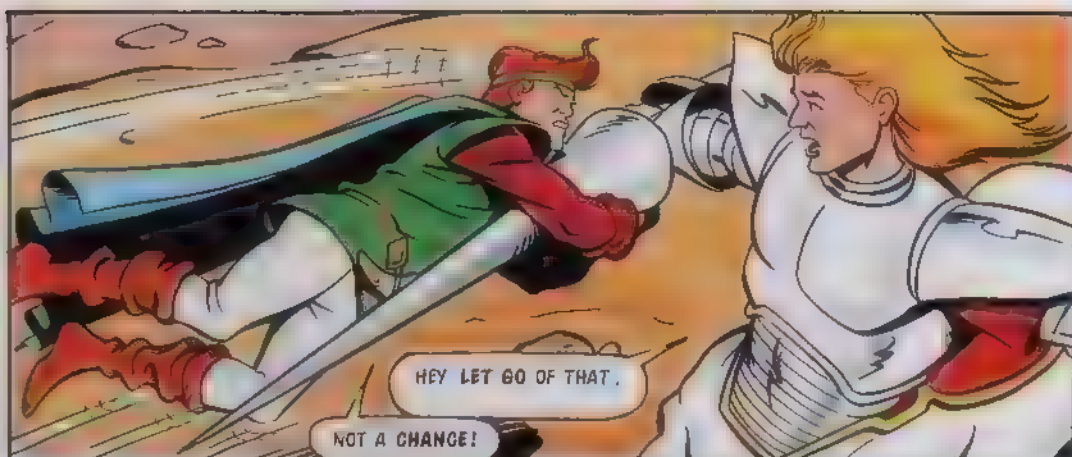






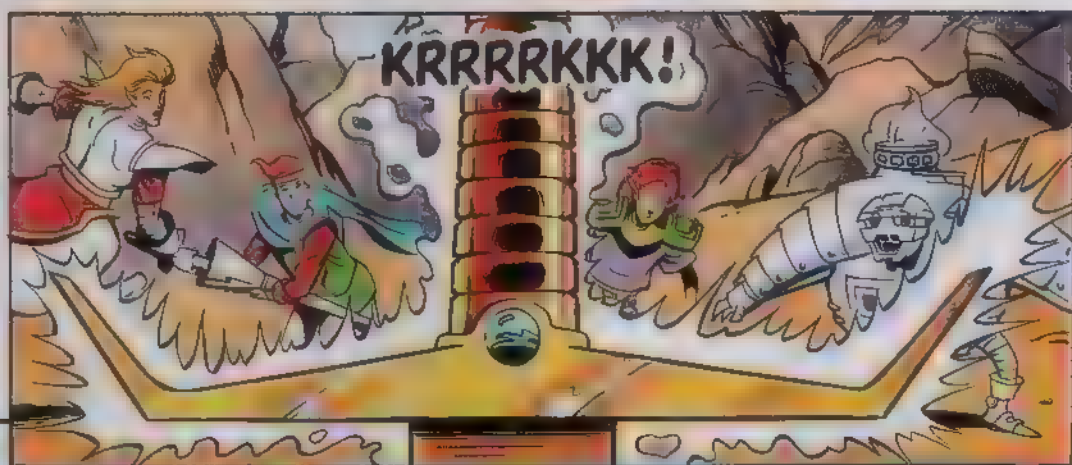
SHUKK!!

UH-OH

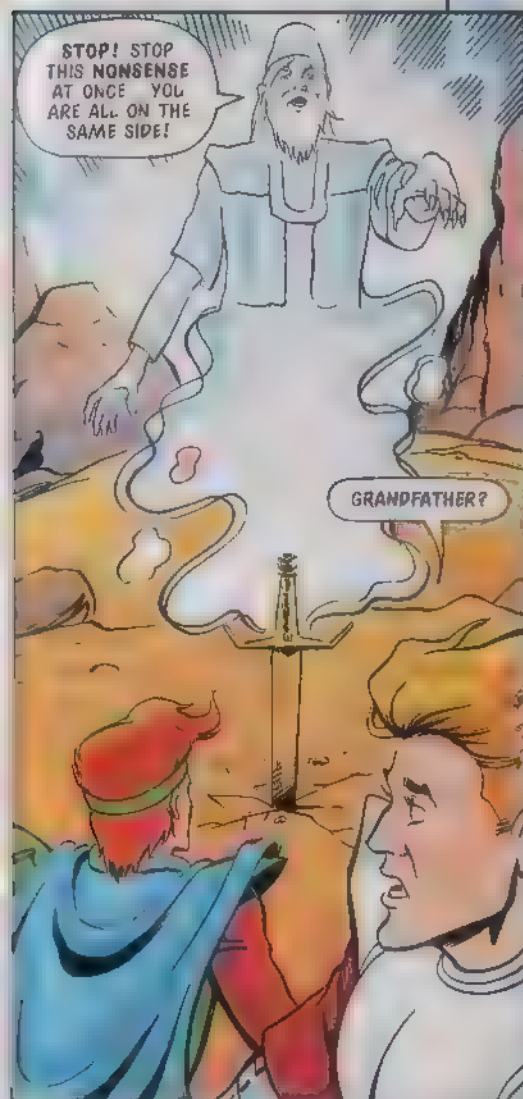


HEY LET GO OF THAT.

NOT A CHANCE!

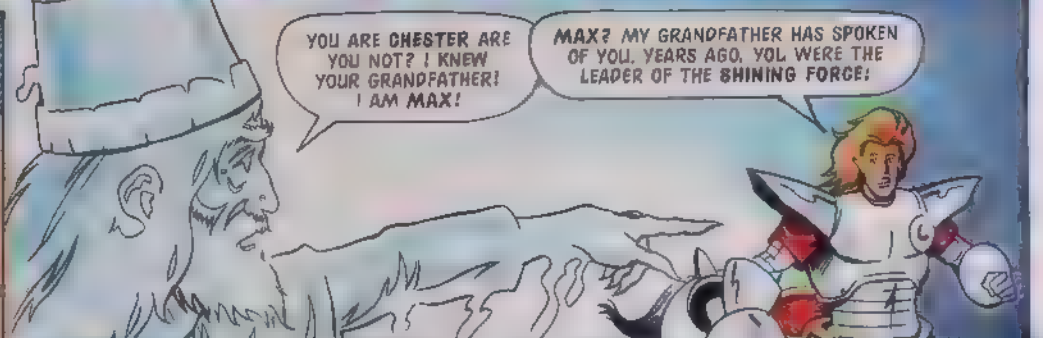


KRRRRRKKK!



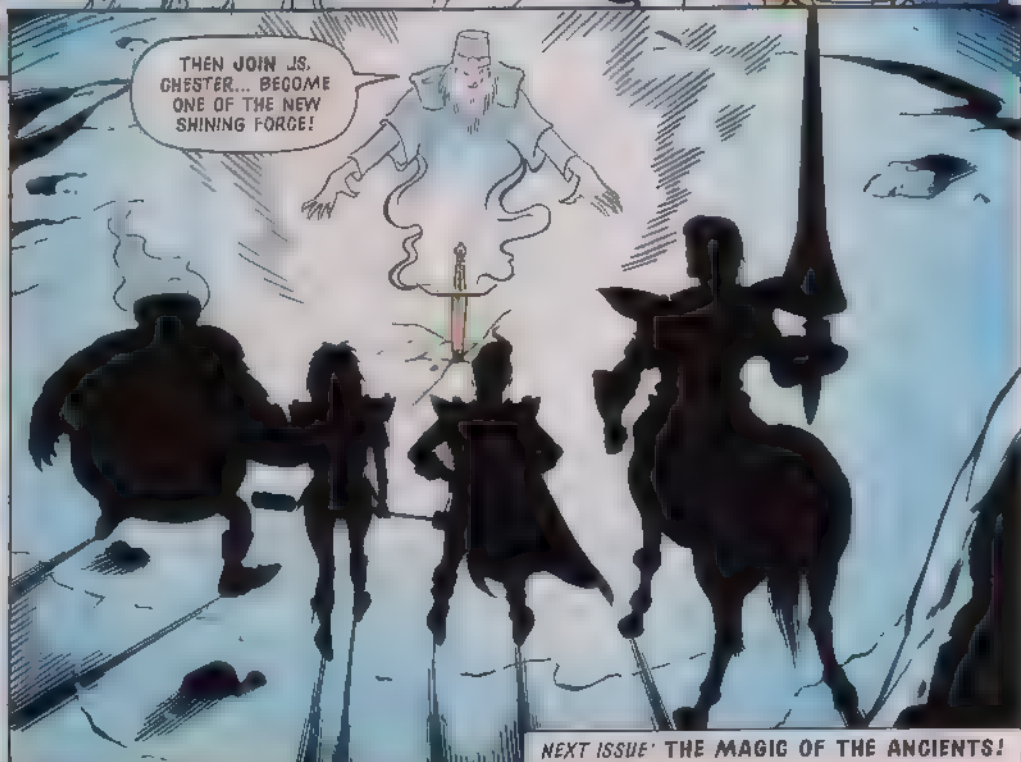
STOP! STOP THIS NONSENSE AT ONCE YOU ARE ALL ON THE SAME SIDE!

GRANDFATHER?



YOU ARE CHESTER ARE YOU NOT? I KNEW YOUR GRANDFATHER! I AM MAX!

MAX? MY GRANDFATHER HAS SPOKEN OF YOU, YEARS AGO. YOU WERE THE LEADER OF THE SHINING FORCE!



THEN JOIN US, CHESTER... BECOME ONE OF THE NEW SHINING FORCE!

NEXT ISSUE: THE MAGIC OF THE ANCIENTS!





# ZONE

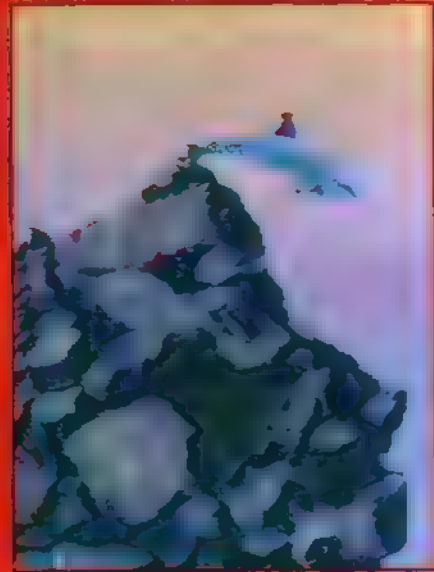
**Q IS FOR QUESTION.**

**Q IS FOR QUERY.**

**Q IS FOR QUANDARY.**

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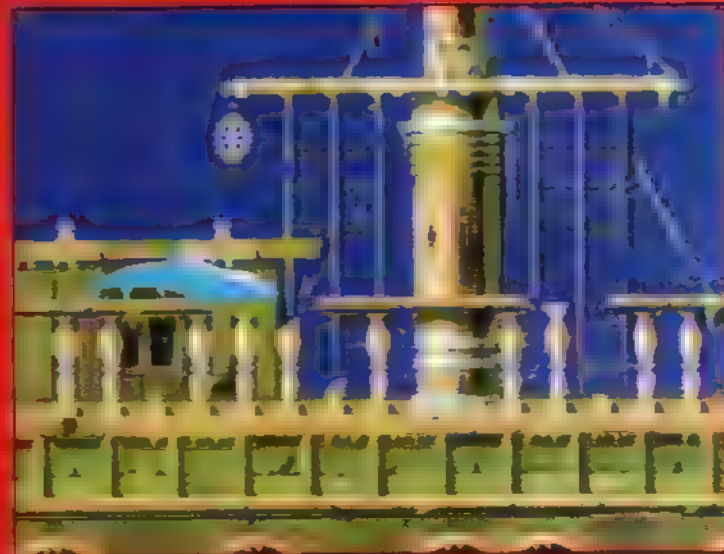
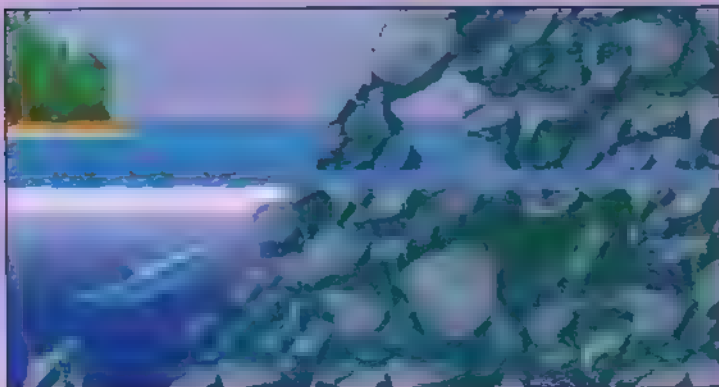
# ECCO

## THE TIDES OF TIME



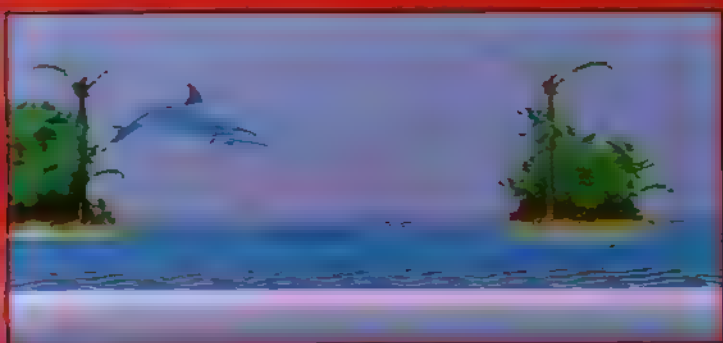
MEGA  
DRIVE

Chris Jones is on hand for help with Ecco: The Tides of Time.

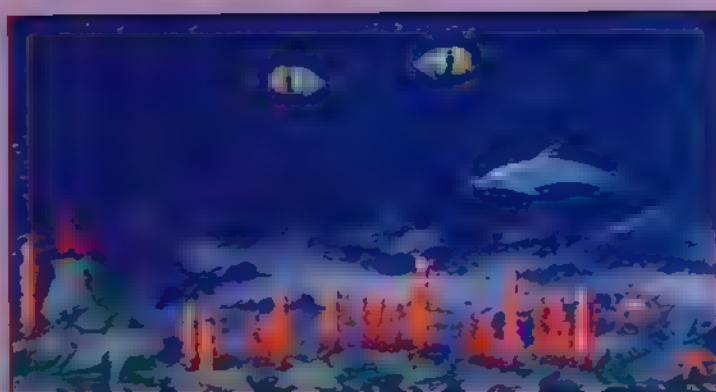
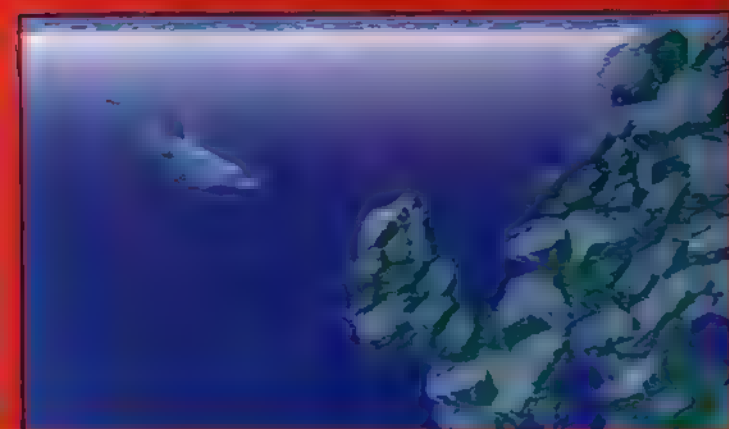


LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	
	Easy Default	Hard
Game Play	Y Y Y	N A
Temple of Medusa	A Y Y C Z E B	E S D H T Y E B
Temple of Poseidon	E X X D L C Z A	M E D R X G Z A
Temple of Athena	L A M F O Z Y A	C P K Q X X Y
Temple of Zeus	I S X K O D B	M P I S K D B
Temple of Ares	M X Q D J D B	E S A Q Y W C B
Temple of Medusa	C X P C E Z A	A H I L J Y A
Temple of Poseidon	E X X D L C Z A	U A N G Y N Y
Temple of Athena	A X K O G W E B	C O U N D A F B





LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	
	Easy/Default	Hard
10. Fin to Feather	CXKRPAXA	USCUBPXA
11. Eagle's Bay	GVWCJVCB	VEETPBR
12. Asterite's Cave	KUXNITAB	SVZLBYXA
13. Maze of Stone	<i>hard only</i>	ASJVKPXA
14. Four Islands	EZRPOBCB	EEPLSCBB
15. Sea of Darkness	SVPHVMZA	XWJYKAXA
16. Vents of Medusa	CLABACAA	CLABACAA
17. Gateway	QAYHJAHB	ICSTAPBR
18. Sea of Green	N/A	N/A
19. Moray Abyss	MUJQCBAE	KHAIPYXA
20. Sea of Birds	UCOPOVYA	WWRTHBZA
21. The Eye	AYAYJWSE	YHJYVYPR
22. Big Water	CJHEVWFA	MCJWASAA
23. Deep Ridge	OIROMBOJ	PSFVJYED



LEVEL NAME	PASSWORDS	
	Easy/Default	Hard
24. The Hungry Ones	WZWUBBJE	YCRVOFJE
25. Secret Cave	GPHMFQOE	MQRHCRPE
26. Lunar Bay	SLAMEQOE	QUOXCPRPE
27. Black Clouds	SVXBQOKE	ASXAYKLE
28. Gravitorbox	YEYCQBJE	ODJTGAKE
29. Globe Holder	EQVITGJE	GJMRGAKE
30. Dark Sea	IVSRBWDA	QTBWPWAA
31. New Machine	<i>hard only</i>	CEWXYDHA
32. Vortex Queen	WOWTKBDA	KICHPWAA
33. Home Bay [2nd Time]	N/A	N/A
34. Epilogue	GIPZZGBA	YBQETFBA
35. Atlantis	EPODJZHA	ITHUPBIA
36. Fish City	OQTKGDFA	CYQFJSBA
37. City of Forever	WYFTOXKA	EPWXFJA



This one may be a bit tricky, but don't despair. To get a menu for stage select and invincibility, pause the game with Ecco facing you and press A, B, C, B, C, A, C, A and B.

*The* **END**

**NEXT ISSUE: A PLUNGE INTO THE PAST WITH THE ORIGINAL ECCO GAME.**



# TAILS!

Script:  
Dolaning:  
MIKE HADLEY

## FOX ON THE RUN

TAILS IS HELPING TANTRUM THE MOUSE GET BACK HOME TO THE METROPOLIS ZONE PURSUED BY FLEABYTE THE BOUNTY HUNTER, THE CAPTURE OF TAILS COULD GAIN HIM A BIG REWARD FROM DOCTOR ROBOTNIK

THOSE DANG CRITTERS MIGHT BE UNDERGROUND BUT THEY CAN'T ESCAPE ME, THANKS TO THIS HERE INFRA-RED HEAT SCANNER! AH KIN DETECT THEIR BODY HEAT ANYWHERE!

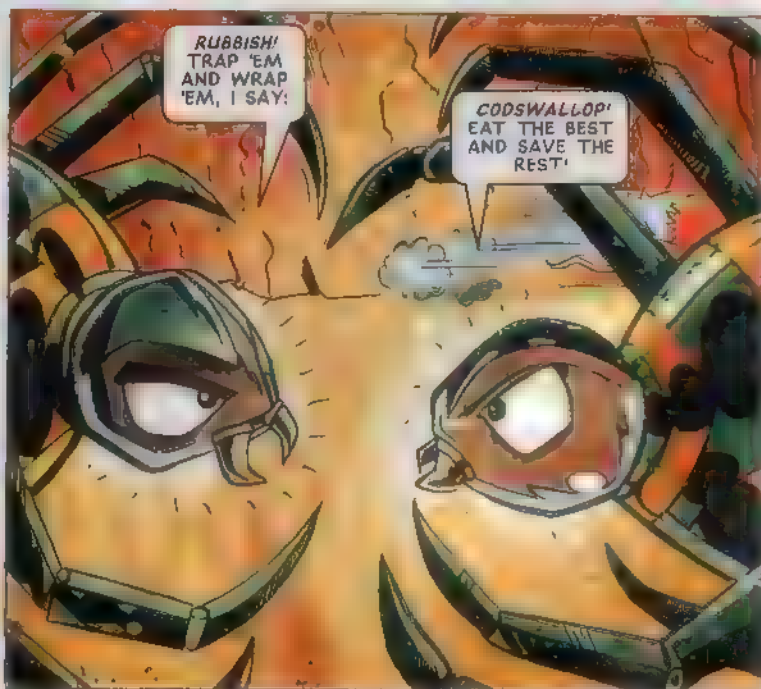
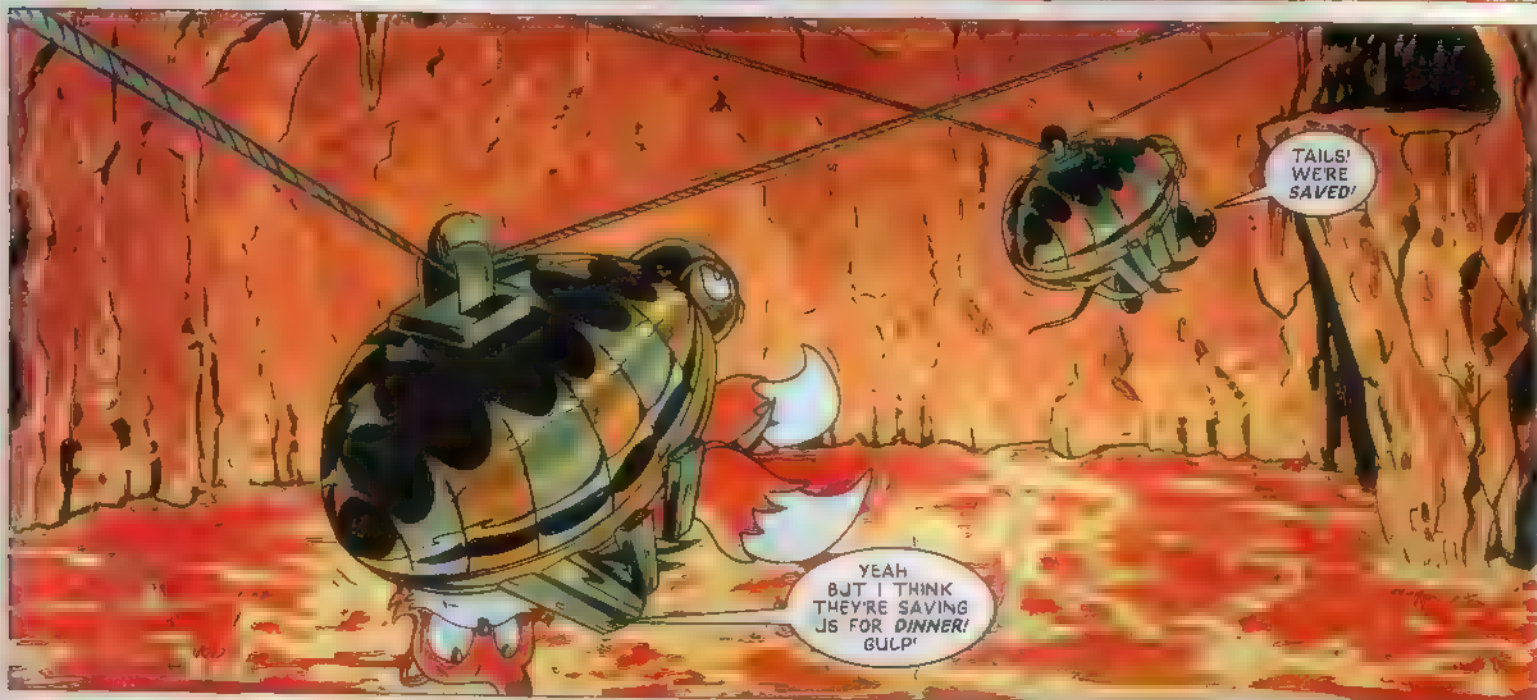
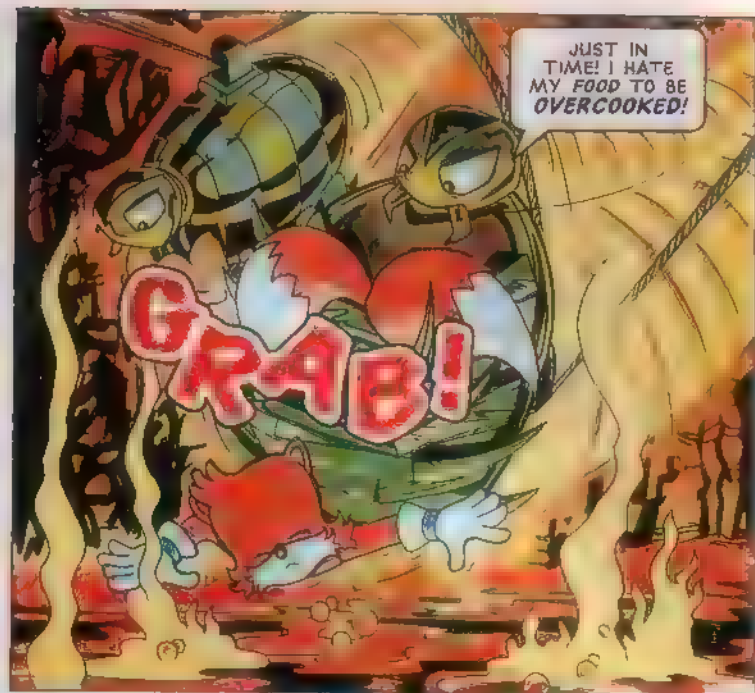
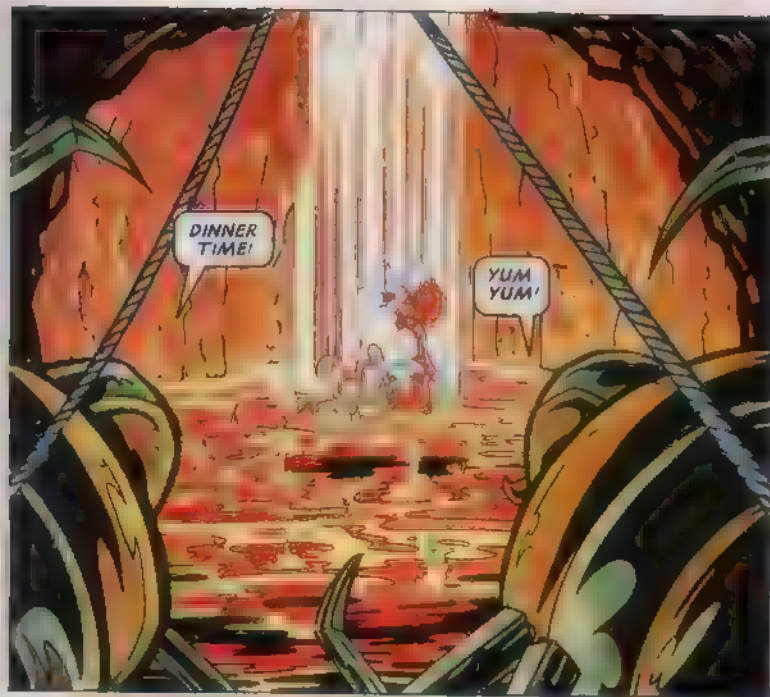
IN THE CAVERNS BELOW, TAILS AND TANTRUM FACE DEADLY DANGER AS THEY FALL TOWARDS A RED-HOT LAVA LAKE!

WHU-9 DARN SCANNERS ON TH' BLINK! MUST BE MIGHTY HOT DOWN WHERE TAILS IS!

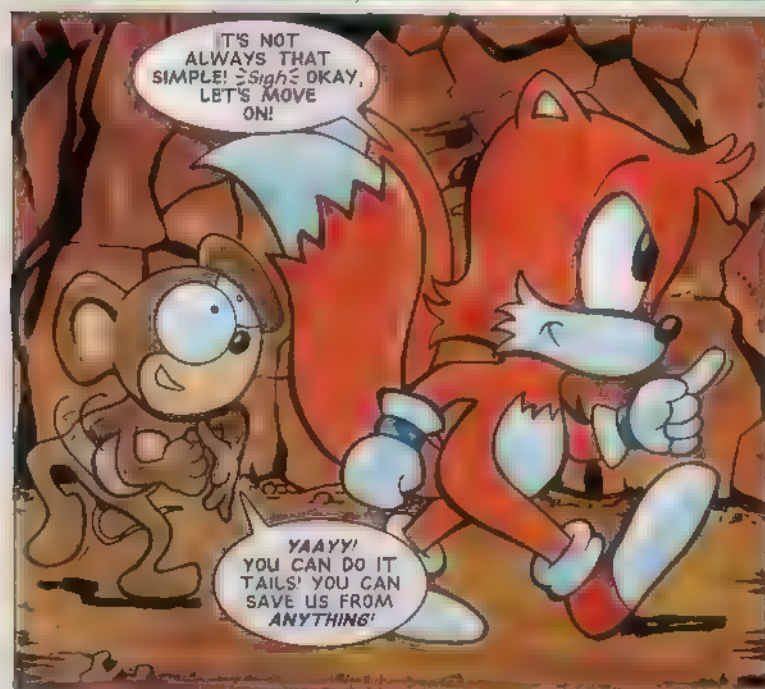
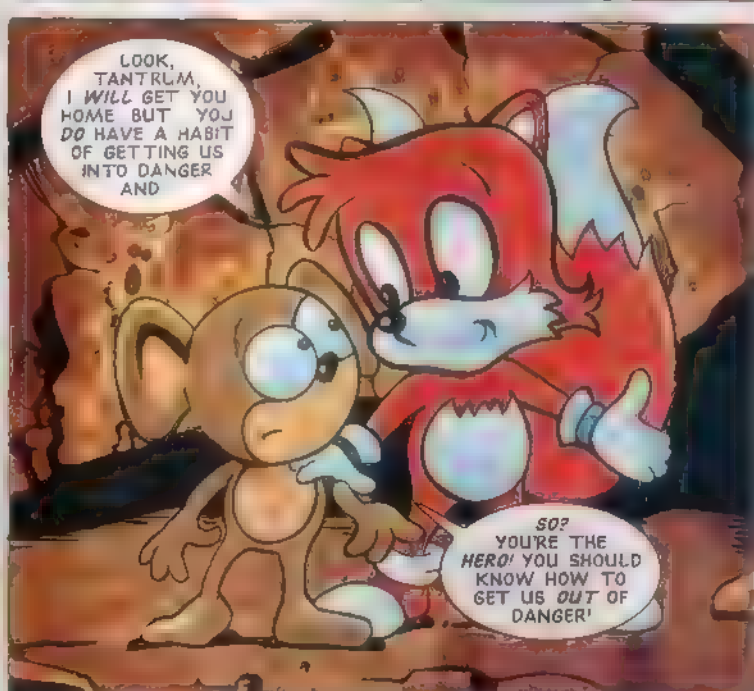
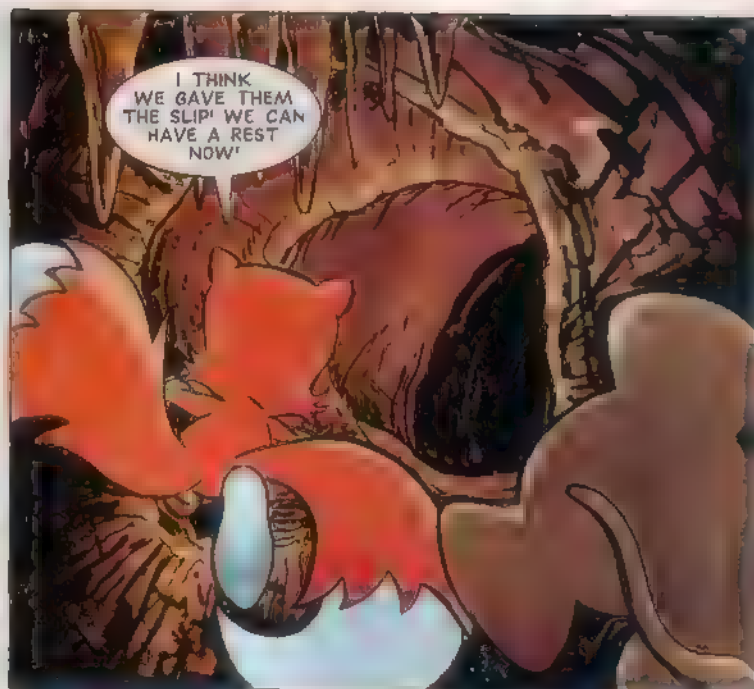
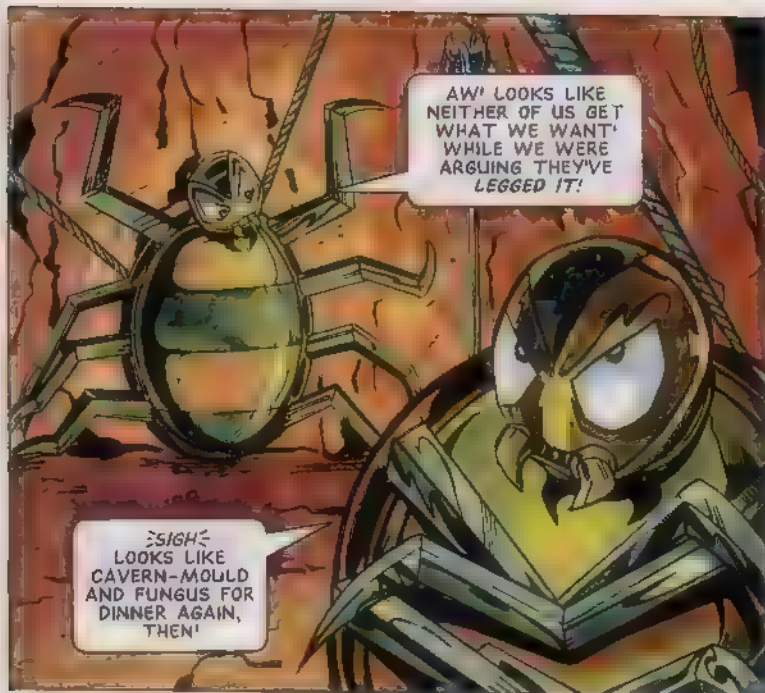
TAILS! FLY US OUTTA HERE!

UHHH CAN'T TOO TIRED







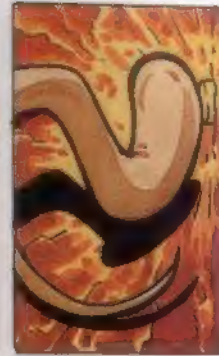
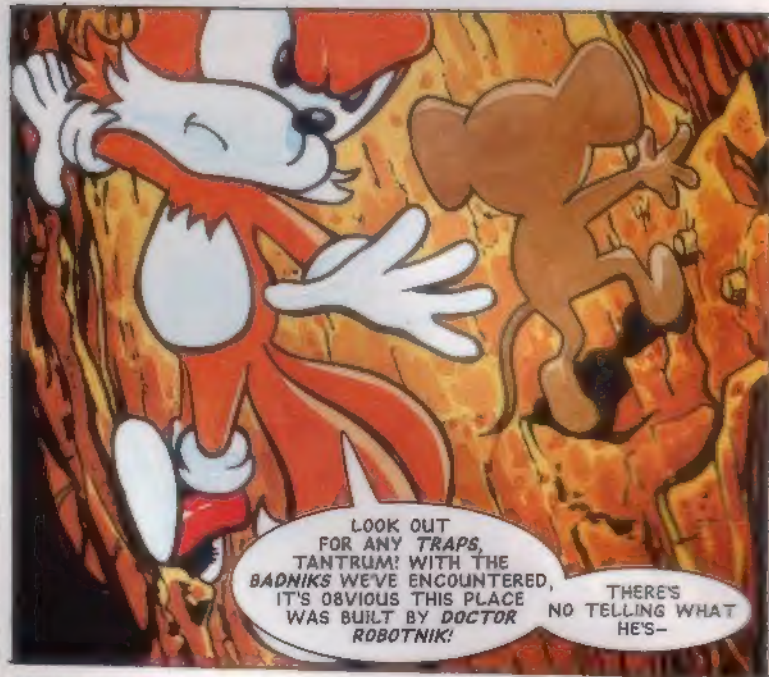




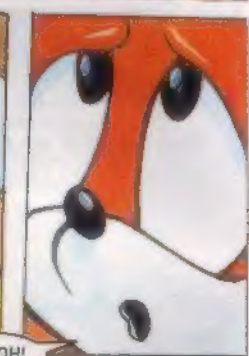
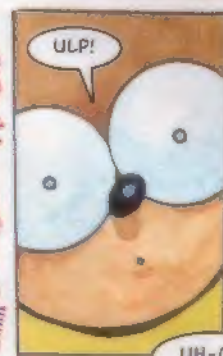
THE COMPANIONS  
WALK ON THROUGH  
THE CAVERNS, UNTIL...

TAILS!  
LOOK! DAY-  
LIGHT!

THAT'S OUR  
WAY OUT FOR SURE,  
TANTRUM! WE'LL  
SPOTTED!



CLICK!



UH-OH!



THE  
CAVE WALLS!  
THEY'RE CLOSING  
IN!

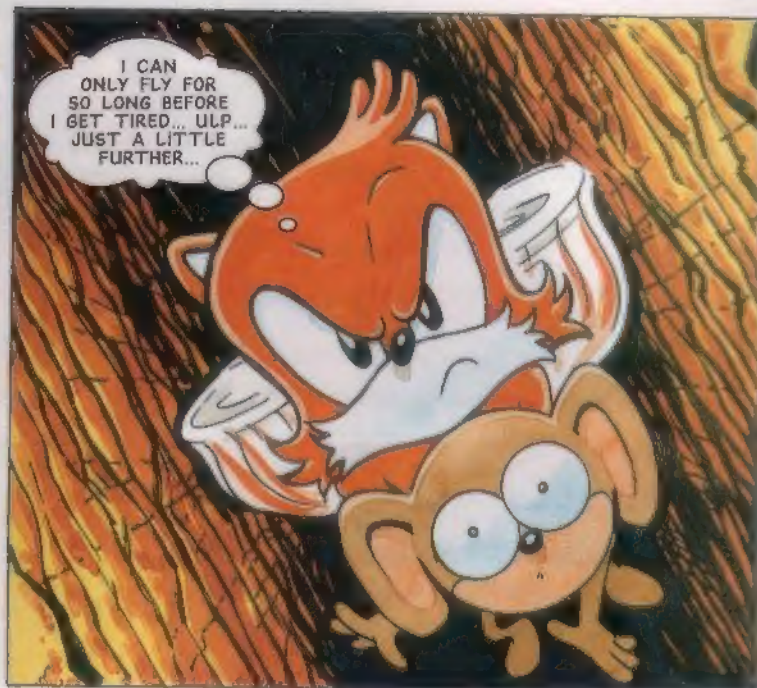






TRUST ME,  
BUDDY! LIKE YOU SAID,  
I CAN SAVE US FROM  
ANYTHING!

WE'RE  
NOT GONNA  
MAKE IT!  
WAAHH!



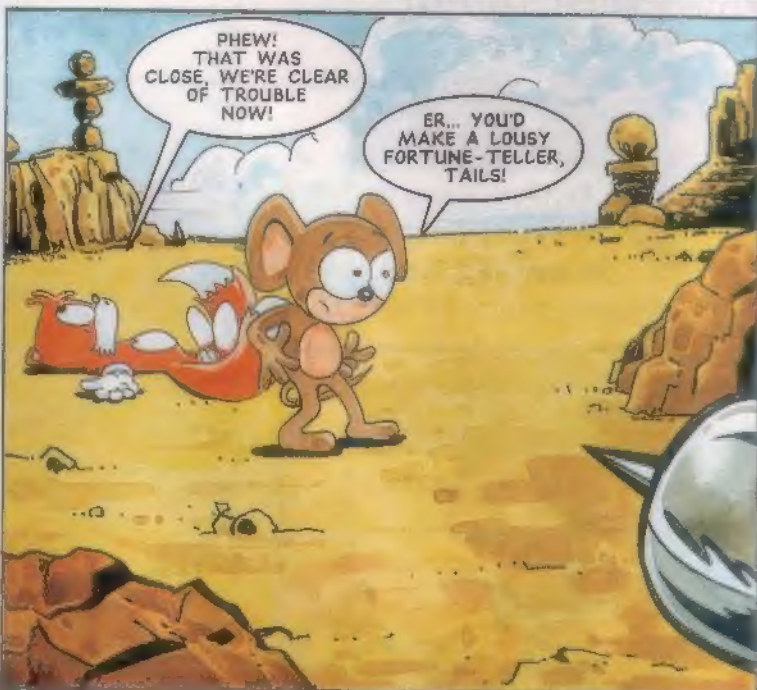
I CAN  
ONLY FLY FOR  
SO LONG BEFORE  
I GET TIRED... ULP...  
JUST A LITTLE  
FURTHER...



WE  
DID IT!

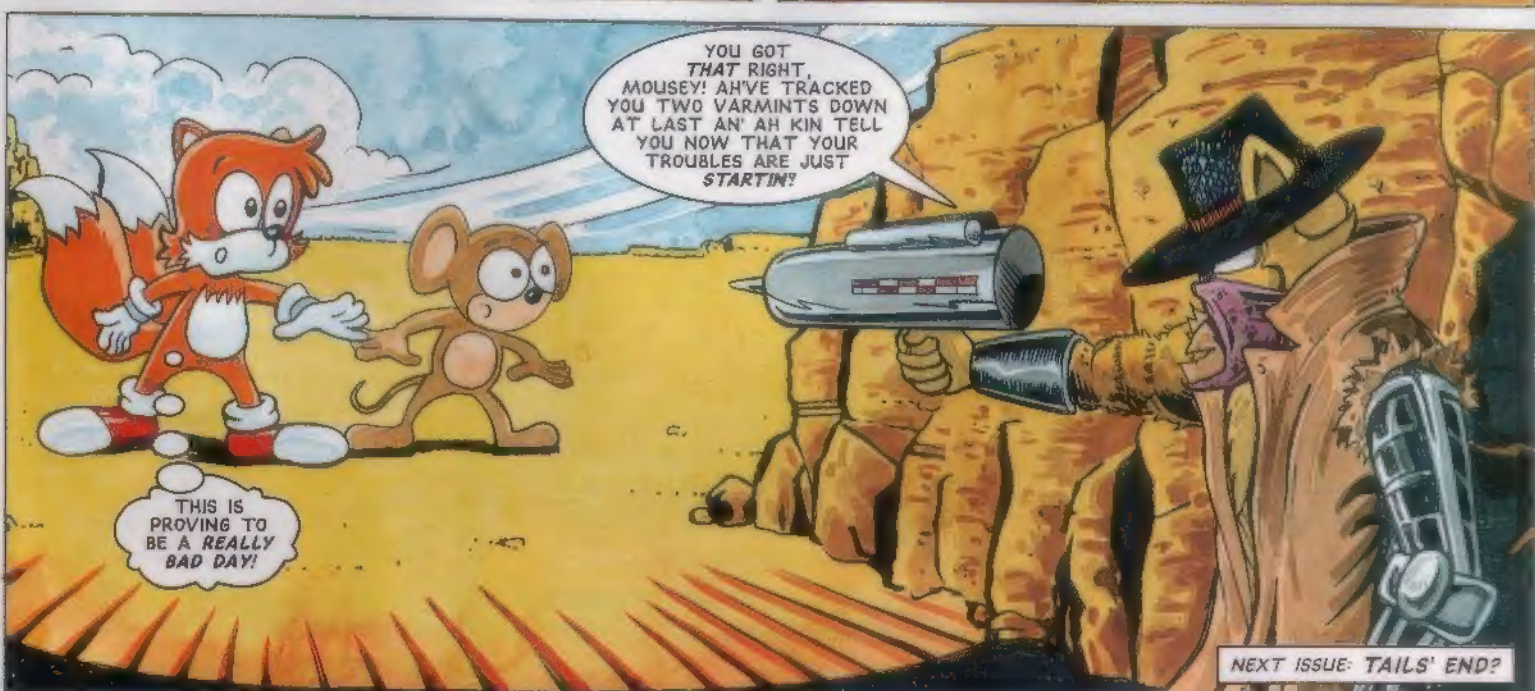
RRUMBLE!

SKRRUNCH



PHWE!  
THAT WAS  
CLOSE, WE'RE CLEAR  
OF TROUBLE  
NOW!

ER... YOU'D  
MAKE A LOUSY  
FORTUNE-TELLER,  
TAILS!



YOU GOT  
THAT RIGHT,  
MOUSEY! AH'VE TRACKED  
YOU TWO VARMINTS DOWN  
AT LAST AN' AH KIN TELL  
YOU NOW THAT YOUR  
TROUBLES ARE JUST  
STARTIN'!

THIS IS  
PROVING TO  
BE A REALLY  
BAD DAY!

NEXT ISSUE: TAILS' END?





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## READER REQUIREMENTS!

Dear Megadroid,

Could you please tell me if it's necessary to own a Sega system in order to read your comic?

Matthew Barnes, Leicester.

Super Nintendo owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



All that's essential, Matthew is an appreciation of mego artwork and good story-telling. Oh, and a sense of humour!



James Day, Peterborough.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



Richard McCann, Liverpool, Merseyside.  
Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.

## PRAISE THE HEDGEHOG!

Dear Megadroid,

I disagree with Peter Heard who said back in issue 69 that STC was going downhill. I thought, "Hey, dude, get a brain transplant!" STC is great!

Keith Miller, Woking, Surrey.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



My pleasure circuits were given a massive boost by the amount of Boomers who rushed to STC's defence. I believe that had

I been a hume, I'd have been overcome by emotion!

## WISH I WERE THERE!

Dear Megadroid,

I love your Segasational mag and would like to know more about the Planet Mobius. Please could you give me the exact location as I'd arranged to meet up with Sonic and the gang for my holiday.

James McDermott, Kingswinford.

MD owner.

Sonic & Knuckles Camera Winner.



But James, how do I know you're not one of Doctor Robotnik's agents, trying to find Sonic's secret hideout?



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MCD ☐

MD ☐

MM ☐

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32X ☐

SATURN ☐

SEGA GAME INTO STRIP!

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE .....

..... AS A COMIC STRIP IN STC.

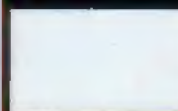
THIS ISSUE'S  
MEGA HITS!

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2ND CHOICE .....

3RD CHOICE .....

YOUR RATING FOR ISSUE 75



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